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TOURISM MISSES TARGET BY £4m

By Carl Jackson

TOURISM spending in Cannock Chase is more than £4 million lower than it should be, new figures compiled by the district council show.

Council bosses had wanted tourism expenditure throughout the district to increase by five per cent from 2012 – when it stood at £81.3m – to £85.4.

But latest figures show that tourism spending has actually fallen since then by around £200,000 to £81.1m.

The figures have been revealed in Cannock Chase Council's end-of-year performance report, which was prepared for this week's meeting of the authority's scrutiny committee. Another problem, the council says, is a drop in the number of visitor beds in the district.

In 2013, Cannock Chase Council aimed to increase the 1,260 beds available but data from this year revealed that the number had actually fallen to 1,235 beds. The document identifies 86 different targets which the council has set itself during the past 12 months.

Tourism spend and tourism beds provision are two of eight benchmarks where the authority has failed. But the paper states that the council has achieved 69 of its goals – a 'pass rate' of 80 per cent.

Investment

The council was unable to pinpoint in the performance report why it had failed in the two tourism areas. However, investment does not always guarantee success in tourism, as highlighted by the current plight of the Museum of Cannock Chase. In June this year, figures revealed that the heritage venue had seen 33,796 people go through its doors between April 2014 and March this year – 237 fewer than the previous 12 months despite the new £100,000 Mining Memories exhibition.

But despite a falling number of visitors, museum bosses said that they were ploughing ahead with further investment in an attempt to reverse the trend and attract more people to visit the attraction. Key locations which pull in visitors to the district are Cannock Chase and Chasewater Country Park, both of which are under review by Staffordshire County Council which runs the sites.

Earlier this year the council declared that its countryside estates had come under severe financial pressure in recent years, prompting work on how the locations could be run more efficiently. More details are set to be revealed later this year when the authority puts formal proposals out for public consultation.

Premier Inn lodged a planning application last month to expand its hotel in Watling Street by nearly a third. The £1.4million investment would see the number of rooms increase from 60 to 78 and would also create extra jobs at the site. The plans are under public consultation.

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MASCOT SWOOPS INTO TOWN FOR BIG LAUNCH



Your serve – the JYSK goose meets Jordan Evans, left, and Katie Mayo, both aged 15, of Cannock Chase High School

THE JYSK goose arrived in Cannock this week to herald the opening of a brand new Danish furnishing store for the town.

The big bird – the store group's mascot – was keen to make friends and find out more about the town as JYSK prepares to open the store at Cannock's Wyrley Brook Retail Park on Saturday at 9am.

First stop after swooping into town was the Cannock Chronicle office where the giant goose caught up on all the local news, before opting for a round of tennis with local secondary school students, not forgetting to leave behind a goody bag or two.

The giant goose is likely to pop up again at Wyrley Brook Retail Park for the store opening on Saturday morning, when JYSK, which sells everything for the home, is planning to celebrate

its latest launch with offers of up to 70 per cent off selected items.

JYSK has more than 2,200 stores in 37 countries, offering a range of beds, mattresses, duvets, sofas, dining table sets, housewares and home textiles.

Perfect

Cannock will become the focus for the Danish global furnishing business as JYSK continues its UK expansion programme with another new store, creating jobs for the town.

"Our stores have always had a following with great value for money shoppers, who are looking to add Scandinavian style to their home – perfect for Cannock," said JYSK country manager Steve Stenhouse.

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At the Chronicle office with advertising representative Louise Johnson

RETAIL

Fewer shops now vacant in district

THE total number of empty shops across Cannock, Rugeley and Hednesford has fallen in the past year, new figures show.

A total of 27 out of 345 units were unused at the end of April – 11 in each of Cannock and Hednesford, and five in Rugeley – representing a vacancy rate of 7.83 per cent.

This compares with 30 empty shops throughout the three towns in April 2013.

A report compiled for this week's meeting of Cannock Chase Council's scrutiny committee said the authority has reached its target of reducing the number of vacant premises in the district.

VENUE

Weddings plan at centre put on hold

PLANS to hold wedding receptions at the Civic Centre in Cannock have been put on hold.

Council bosses announced earlier this year it was considering spending money on transforming the ballroom so it could accommodate post-wedding parties. The ballroom has only been used for meetings in recent years.

But more council services have been moved into the Civic Centre, and as a result, the authority says it is dealing with accommodation issues.

POLICE

Woman attacked outside town bar

A WOMAN was taken to hospital with chest injuries after she was attacked outside a bar in Cannock.

The incident happened just before 12.40am on Friday outside Bar 77 in the town centre.

Police officers, an ambulance and a rapid response vehicle were called to the scene.

It is believed another woman was involved in the attack. No arrests have been made, police said.

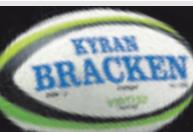
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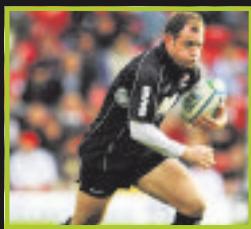
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Coach firm ferries stars to Cilla funeral



Parry's coaches at the church

TV stars Christopher Biggins, Les Dennis and Carol Vorderman were among celebrities who travelled with a Cheslyn Hay coach firm as part of the funeral cortege for Cilla Black.

The star's immediate family and a number of special guests were picked up from The Hilton in Liverpool by Parry's International.

The Liverpudlian was given a lively and laughter filled send-off at St Mary's Church in the city on Thursday, and coach firm owner Dave Parry said he was 'very proud' to chauffeur the star's friends and fam-

ily to the service. "I was approached by a London company who were in charge of transport and security for the funeral, and we were honoured to be asked," he said.

"It was a very special occasion and we received such a warm reception from the thousands of fans who waved and cheered as we drove by."

The company supplied three coaches and two smaller vehicles to take guests to both the service and the private burial.

Mr Parry added: "It wasn't as sombre as you might think and it was a

pleasure to be part of the celebration of her life. Thousands of people lined the streets. They were applauding the hearse, and the crowds were singing and laughing."

"Cilla was my era and she touched so many people's hearts. I have fond memories of her as a singer and entertainer. For the company, it was nice to have such high-profile passengers on board, and they were all sharing their memories of Cilla."

Cilla died of a stroke after falling over at her Spanish home earlier this month at the age of 72.

GCSE results give a reason to celebrate



Lichfield Cathedral School students celebrate outstanding GCSE results

GCSE results across Staffordshire are set to improve this year, provisional figures have shown.

Bosses at Staffordshire County Council say that results collated from 43 schools show 57 per cent of students achieved five A*-C grades, including English and maths.

Last year the figure was 54.9 per cent. Total passes at A*-C are in line with the national average at 67.5 per cent.

The authority was this week still awaiting figures from a number of schools in the county.

Ian Parry, deputy leader of Staffordshire County Council, said: "Getting the right mix of skills is important for any future career, so today's results are an important step in making sure that pupils who have collected their grades are equipped to progress into further education, training or apprenticeships."

Pupils at Cardinal Griffin Catholic College in Cannock received their GCSE results with great excitement. Many pupils exceeded their expectations and they can look forward to entering the sixth form or further education.

Headteacher Michael Burrowes said: "I am delighted for the pupils, their parents, and the teachers.

"These young people have worked very hard for their exams. During the examination period, many turned up to school for early morning revision sessions prior to their exams and during the half term. These efforts bore fruit."

The school was particularly pleased for the 13 students who achieved Grade A or A* in eight or more of the traditional GCSE subjects.

Lichfield Cathedral School students have been celebrating excellent GCSE results, with more than eight out of 10 achieving five A* to C grades including English and maths.

Nearly 60 per cent of all GCSE

grades were A* to B and one student achieved 11 A's. Headteacher Susan Hannan said: "This is another set of strong results with outstanding grades in the traditional, more demanding academic subjects. I am delighted that the school has sustained its high level of attainment and it is a pleasure to see so many superb individual performances."

Outstanding

Ninety one per cent of students achieved at least five A*-C grades, while 82 per cent achieved at least five A*-C grades including English and maths. An impressive 58 per cent of entries were graded B or above and 50 per cent of students achieved one or more A*/A grades.

There was a 'truly outstanding' performer at The Friary School in Lichfield, where Ella Sykes received A* grades in all 11 of the GCSEs she took. At Sir Graham Balfour School, Stafford, headteacher Dave Wright

said he was delighted with a set of results that were 'well ahead of all expectations'. Overall, 20 per cent of all grades at the school came in at either A* or A.

Meanwhile, figures show that the number of students gaining top grades in their A-levels at independent schools has fallen.

Pupils awarded at least a grade A dropped to 49.4 per cent this year - down 1.1 per cent on last year.

This was still almost double the national average of 25.9 per cent, however. The Independent Schools Council (ISC) says one in five entries were awarded the top grade of A*, while one in 14 candidates got three A* grades - an outcome described by ISC chairman Barnaby Lenon as 'remarkable'.

In Staffordshire, students at Chase Grammar came out top across the county, scoring an average of 394 points. Stafford Grammar School scored an average of 302 points.



Pupils at Cardinal Griffin Catholic College in Cannock

Force starts recruitment process for constables

STAFFORDSHIRE Police has started the recruitment process for a number of new police constables to join the force.

Chief Constable Jane Sawyers said: "Few jobs are more rewarding and challenging than that of a police officer. From day one you'll be helping to fight crime and protect the public."

"As a police constable, you'll have the opportunity to learn new skills, meet people and set out on a career path that could see you specialise as a firearms officer, dog handler, traffic officer, detective or the trusted, familiar face of policing in the community."

"We need people who are good communicators with a calm, confident personality; problem solvers; team players; and people who easily build relationships, respect other people and appreciate views from communities across the county. We find these in people from all communities and we therefore welcome applications from individuals from all backgrounds who can demonstrate these skills and attributes."

Those who want to become a police officer must complete an online pre-application questionnaire which can be found at www.staffs.police.com/careers.

Those who are eligible to apply after completing the pre-application questionnaire will be sent an application pack.

The pre-application questionnaire will close at midday on Friday, September 4.

The exact number of recruits and starting date for their training will be established later in the recruitment process.

Tesco 'will not be replacing pub'

TESCO has ruled itself out of the running to take on a plot where a Cannock pub is earmarked for demolition.

The supermarket chain has been linked with developing the Longford Road site which is home to the Ascot Tavern.

Tesco spokesman James Wiggam said: "The site is not on our list of future developments."

"We will definitely not be locating a store on the site," he added.

The development scheme has been vehemently opposed by locals, with more than 200 people declaring their objection to the council.

Punch Taverns has submitted plans to demolish the pub which were being decided by Cannock Chase District Council yesterday.

Jewels and laptop stolen in burglary

BURGLARS stole jewellery, a laptop and flat screen TV when they broke into a house in Burntwood.

The raid happened in Leam Drive between 8.30pm on Saturday, August 15 and 00.50am the following day. Call police on 101.

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PHEW, what a relief. The 70th anniversary of VJ-Day and the end of the Second World War passed off without hundreds of veterans and civilians being blown to pieces by Islamist terrorists. As you may recall, before last weekend's events it was widely reported that shadowy home-grown bombers, inspired by Islamic State, were planning to plant a bomb on the route. As one tabloid put it: "Bomb plot: The extremists aim to strike on Saturday by exploding a deadly pressure cooker bomb during events in Central London." Thankfully, this dastardly plot was foiled. Just like the one to blow up a North Sea oil rig, fly a private plane into Canary Wharf, smear deadly ricin poison on cars and massacre shoppers in an English shopping mall. If you believe such reports, usually based on unnamed "intelligence sources," terrorist plots are foiled day after day. Now, it may be that our spooks and anti-terror cops are the finest plot-foilers in the world. But it sometimes strikes me as strange that very few burglaries, usually committed by thick-head, drug-addled teenagers, are ever foiled and they are rarely solved. Yet plots plotted by the biggest and best-funded terrorist organisations in history are foiled time after time. It is, to put it mildly, odd.

ISN'T it odd, the things that can start a row? Charlie Dimmock, the TV gardener, merely suggests some allotments are too big for the average couple to manage. She is howled down for her "random thought" by the National Allotments Society which points out that the common 300 square yard allotment, dating back to Victorian times, is specifically designed to feed a family of four for a year. This size is apparently sacred and inviolable. Why?

Many allotment holders are retired or have no family. Some find the full-size allotment

too much to cope with. Others are desperate for any scrap of land. I bet all over England thousands of allotments are already informally divided between friends and relations. All Dimmock is suggesting is that when some allotments become vacant, they should be divided into four to see what the demand is. The reaction from the allotments establishment proves again that nothing matters more to the English than their hobbies.

WELL done, the security staff at Dublin Airport who confiscated a three-year-old boy's plastic toy on the grounds that it had a trigger and looked a bit like a weapon. In truth, it didn't look anything like a weapon. But this £25 "Fart Blaster" which emits noisy bursts of electronic raspberries, looked exactly like the sort of device a three-year-old could use to make a damn nuisance of himself throughout the flight. The word "security" may have been misused on this occasion but anything that saves passengers from noisy, over-indulged children is fine by me.

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Wet and wild – but V wonderful

ABOUT 60,000 people from across the country made their way to Staffordshire for two days of live music, performed by some of the biggest stars in the business.

More than 100 acts took to the five V Festival stages, ranging from international superstars such as DJ Calvin Harris, to music legends like Sir Tom Jones, rockers such as Kasabian and Stereophonics and pop princesses

Paloma Faith and Imelda May and more. The weather switched from glorious sunshine to torrential rain on numerous occasions the weekend, bringing its own challenges – not least for the ambulance service.

Medics treated nearly 700 people over the two days, with more than 20 taken to hospital. There were more than 600 'self-presenting patients' although on-site ambulance crews

were called out almost 100 times. Some of the injuries were suspected lower leg fractures caused by falls.

The festival has cemented itself as a cornerstone of the outdoor music season in Staffordshire and at the sister site in Chelmsford. In the campsites, the traditional attire of wellies, rain macs, sunglasses and shorts proved just as popular as ever, with punters battling indecisive weather

throughout the weekend. Police said the festival passed without any major incidents, although a man was found collapsed from a suspected drugs overdose at Weston Park.

Officers issued warnings after finding two 'very dangerous' drugs circulating at the site – a purple and orange pill. The man who collapsed was taken to hospital and was said to be recovering well.

Travelodge pledge as hotel plans scrapped

By Carl Jackson

TRAVELODGE has pulled out of plans for a 60-bedroom hotel in Cannock – five years after the firm got the go-ahead.

Bosses revealed the decision to withdraw was down to issues with the Watling Street site, but insist they have not given up on bringing a hotel to the town.

Nick Dines, spokesman for Travelodge, said: "We had an agreement in place with a developer but unfortunately they were not able to bring the site forward. We are still very keen to have a site in Cannock. "We were ready to go with this one until the developer said they could not develop it. But we are now looking elsewhere in Cannock for a replacement location."

Cannock Chase Council gave planning consent for the hotel in 2010, hailing it as a huge boost for the town which would bring dozens of permanent jobs as well as more than 100 temporary positions in the construction of the building.

Removed

But the site at Gallan Park next to Finning UK has remained untouched since then.

The council's 2014-15 end-of-year performance report says the scheme was not implemented due to financial issues and the authority has now confirmed Travelodge has pulled out, adding bosses at Gallan Park were now marketing the site for commercial uses. In the last few days the Gallan Group has removed a promotional mock-up of the Travelodge Hotel from its website.

Freight firm Rhenus Logistics is up and running at the site but park chiefs have not commented on what will now happen with the rest of the 14-acre plot.

Councillor Andy Lovell, corporate improvement boss, said: "The longer-term aim is still to grow the number of bedrooms and hotels offering extra beds in Cannock Chase district. The council is confident we are doing everything we can to move that forward."

Hoard relic restored – by using thorns



Work in progress – it took 10 hours to remove dirt from the decorative mount after being buried for 1,400 years

AFTER spending more than a millennium underground, this Anglo-Saxon decorative mount has finally been restored to its former glory.

Part of the Staffordshire Hoard, it was coated in thick soil. It took 10 hours of work to get the gold and garnet surfaces glimmering. The work was carried out by Birmingham Museums Trust conservator Lizzie Miller, who took photographs of her progress.

She said: "It's a real privilege to be able to work on the Staffordshire Hoard and I'm really happy to be able to assist with the preservation of this significant find.

"Seeing these beautiful objects gradually being revealed under the microscope after being buried 1,400 years ago is very exciting." The mount, which fell from the 7th Century period ever found.

an unknown object, was cleaned without the help of modern technology. "The hoard mainly consists of gold objects, and we found that natural Berberis thorns are the most effective way to clean these pieces," Lizzie said.

"Gold is a relatively soft metal and scratches easily, so the thorn is a useful tool to gently pick away the soil whilst still being flexible enough not to damage the surface." Now that the cleaning is done, the hard work really begins – working out just where the decorative mount may have come from. The Staffordshire Hoard was found in 2009 just below the surface of a field at Hammerwich, on the Burntwood-Brownhills border.

The collection is the largest hoard of precious metal from the 7th Century period ever found.

Go-ahead is granted for 351 homes application

BURNTWOOD Town Council has approved the following planning applications:

Land at junction of The Sportsway and Milestone Way, Burntwood – erection of 351 dwellings, together with associated works including the provision of access, infrastructure, public open space and car parking.

Land rear of 50 High Street, Chasetown – erection of two two-bedroom houses and associated works.

Springhill Medical Centre, 154 Cannock Road, Burntwood – conversion of doctor's surgery to form three apartments and associated works.

17 Ash Grove, Burntwood – certificate of lawful use of development: proposed single-storey rear extension to form kitchen and WC.

Davolls Cottage, 156 Woodhouses Road, Burntwood – certificate of lawful use of development: proposed erection of a workshop/mower-shed including woodstore.

Former Burntwood Service Station, Lichfield Road, Burntwood – erection of valet bay extension.

170 Ironstone Road, Burntwood – two-storey side extension to form garage, utility, office and bedroom.

15 Hudson Drive, Burntwood – single-storey side and rear extensions to form utility, dining room and garage.

15 Macadam Close, Burntwood – single-storey rear extension to form family room.

DME Tyres Ltd, Unit 1, Ring Road, Zone 2, Burntwood Business Park – install concrete A frames to segregate the yard and effect fire breaks.

Centre reminder on competition

CANNOCK Shopping Centre is reminding customers that there is still time for children to enter its Postcard of your Summer competition.

Children can pick up a blank postcard template from Farm Foods or Trendy Tanya which they are invited to take home and complete with a design of their choice to illustrate their summer adventures. After completing their postcards, they can then post their designs back into a designated competition post box, on the Lower Mall by Farm Foods.

The winning entry will be selected after the end of the school holidays, and the winner will be presented with a special hamper of prizes.

Centre manager Natal Chapman said: "We've had a great response so far to the creative competition."

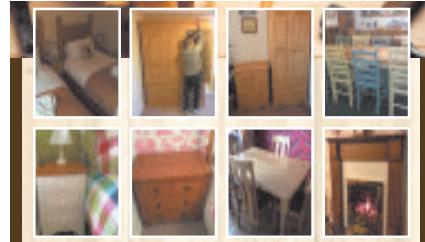
Market to stage bank holiday car boot sale

PENKRIDGE Market will be holding a bank holiday market and car boot sale on Monday from 9am to 3pm. Admission and parking are free. Car booters should turn up from 7am.

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Date set for comments on fees for beauty spots

A THREE-MONTH public consultation will be launched in October over plans to introduce parking charges at beauty spots in Staffordshire.

The plans, drawn up by Staffordshire County Council, were announced in April and will be discussed publicly as part of a wider review of countryside estates.

It comes after bosses said more money is needed to maintain parks and green spaces throughout the county. The public will now get the chance to have their say over the future of the sites.

Mark Winnington, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for the economy, said: "We are custodians of our country parks and are working with partners and voluntary groups to explore the best ways to manage them."

"We will be holding a public consultation in October, and car parking arrangements at each park will be part of this wider review."

The council is considering putting in pay meters at the 890-acre Chasewater County Park, which attracts 15,000 visitors each year. Other sites being considered are in the north of the county.

Visitors already pay to park at Marquis Drive and Milford Common on Cannock Chase.

Councillor Winnington added: "We want to hear from Staffordshire people and all who visit these green spaces to help make the right decisions for each site when they are made in early 2016."

Region enjoys drop in jobless

THE West Midlands has bucked the trend as unemployment in the UK has risen for the second month in a row.

Across the country as a whole, unemployment increased to 1.85 million, the Office for National Statistics said.

The jobless total went up by 25,000 in the period April to June.

But in the West Midlands unemployment fell by 12,000 to 167,000 for the three months. The number claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in the region, however, was up by 2,058 from June to 78,749 last month.

In Staffordshire claimants were up 136 to 4,920 (0.9 per cent) but Cannock Chas saw numbers fall by 15 to 741 (1.2 per cent). Lichfield was up by 54 to 360 (0.6 per cent),

Singers set for September song

THE next Needwood Singers concert will be September Song. It will be held at St. James's Church, Barton under Needwood at 7.30pm on Saturday September 12. Tickets are £8 (£4 students) call 01283 713474.

Never too early for Christmas shopping



WHILE many people complain about Christmas appearing in the shops too early each year, for one organised woman it's never too early to start your festive shopping.

Cheslyn Hay mother, Heather Hughes plans her presents list 365 days of the year.

She refuses to spend Christmas Eve fighting over the last box of crackers in a supermarket or desperately searching empty shelves for a men's aftershave set.

The mother of two said planning in advance is the key to a stress free Christmas, whether old your children are.

She said: "I'm not so organised that I have everything perfectly wrapped and displayed

under the tree by December 1, but I do plan throughout the year.

"Planning in advance for something that comes around every year means I am less likely to be stressed and it also means I can spread the cost."

The auxiliary nurse insists she is not being smug when she has Christmas all wrapped up before winter arrives.

"When my children were younger, I bought throughout the year to spread the cost and even now they are both grown up, it's something I've continued to do.

"I wouldn't pay full whack for a toiletry gift set that I know will be half price come

Boxing Day and why not pick something up perfect in the spring sale rather than a last minute dash to grab anything on Christmas Eve."

While the Christmas cards are still hanging over the fireplace, the 52-year-old is stockpiling cards for the following year.

She said: "Why people don't buy their Christmas cards in the sale is beyond me. When cards and wrapping paper are selling at less than half price, buying in the January sales is just common sense."

"A few boxes of reduced, multi-pack cards, and I've saved myself enough to buy a couple of extra bottles of Christmas plonk."

Crime rate in county hits a three-year high

THE number of crimes being committed in Staffordshire has risen to the highest level in three years, new figures show.

Staffordshire Police dealt with 60,861 incidents – up on 59,384 from the previous 12 months, according to the Home Office.

But despite the increase, police chiefs in the country have said progress is still being made to tackle the rates.

Incidents of violence and sexual offences have increased and cyber crime has also gone up.

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said: "Any increase in crime is something I am concerned about.

"Traditional crimes like burglary and vehicle theft are steady or falling but things like online and social media harassment such as the use of Twitter is rising.

"It's also being more readily reported, particularly by domestic abuse victims. I have asked officials for a more detailed analysis on these aspects.

"Sexual offences, although relatively small in numbers, are rising. Some of that is because people are clearly more confident in reporting this but it's also something the police are focusing on and in turn I am ensuring performance this area of crime is closely monitored."

He added: "Yes, there has been an overall increase but there are distinct factors. Society is changing and I'm also confident that the accuracy of recording in Staffordshire is amongst the best, or the best, in the country. I want that to continue."

The ongoing changes in policing for Staffordshire, such as new mobile technology to get more policing, more visible, more of the time will help. But the police and the OPCC must recognise where crime is increasing, understand whether it's because there's more, or more is being reported, and take the necessary action.

"Evidence suggests things are pretty steady in much of Staffordshire and it also suggests people feel safer than ever. But not everywhere and that's what I want the police to focus on."

The 60,861 crimes relate to the 12 months leading up to April this year.

Despite the statistics Staffordshire Police assistant chief constable Bernie O'Reilly said the figures did not tell the whole story.

"We have seen reductions in crime over the last three years," she said.

Stephen's mother backs walker



Lee Woodward, Reece Young and Jane Sutton outside Chase Terrace Technology College

A BURNTWOOD teenager who is walking to Blackpool to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust will be joined at the starting line by Jane Sutton.

Reece Young, 14, will walk for up to 12 hours a day, over three days of this holiday weekend, to help raise money for the charity.

The Chase Terrace Technology College student was inspired to take on the challenge by the late Stephen Sutton and now has the

backing of his mother, Jane. The pair and a team of supporters will set off from the school in Bridge Cross Road at 6am tomorrow.

Jane Sutton said: "It will be a privilege to join Reece at the start of his walk and rejoin him on his final leg to Blackpool Tower."

The youngster doing the walk as part of his bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Lee Woodward, a key fundraiser in memory of Stephen, is also Reece's Duke of

Edinburgh Award assessor and will join him on part of his walk.

Mr Woodward told Mrs Sutton about the youngster's determination and she was happy to show her support.

Reece originally set his fund-raising target at £106 – £1 for each mile of the walk – but having reached that figure in two weeks, he revised his target to £1,060.

To donate, visit justgiving.com/reece-young

NEWS IN BRIEF

Railways crime drops by 2.5pc

CRIME is falling on railways in the Midlands, new figures show.

In 2014-15, crime fell by 2.5 per cent with 4,087 notifiable offences recorded during the year, British Transport Police has said. Cable theft was down 70 per cent, while robberies dropped by 11 per cent.

Last year, there were 15 thefts of live cable theft, compared with 72 the year before, while there were 41 thefts of non-live cable, compared with 111 in 2013-14. However, violent offences increased by 17.4 per cent and and sexual offences were up 11.1 per cent.

Pharmacy first to offer new service

A CANNOCK pharmacy has become the first in the region to offer the NHS Electronic Prescriptions Service.

The service will soon replace paper prescriptions across the UK, and Midcounties Co-operative pharmacies are advising patients about the changes.

Under the scheme, patients can collect repeat prescriptions from a pharmacy near where they live, work or shop. The changes at Cannock Co-operative Healthcare in Market Hall Street allow patients to change their nominated pharmacy, saving unnecessary visits to GP surgeries.

Plea to trucker over A5 smash

A LORRY driver who may have seen a crash at Gailey in which two motorcyclists died is being sought by police.

The head-on smash at 10am on July 29 on the A5 involved a red BMW and a blue and white Suzuki.

Officers want the driver of a blue 16-tonne curtain-sided HGV with a blue cab and black forklift rear to get in touch in the hope they may have information as to how it happened.

The lorry was in a queue of traffic but turned around and left the scene.

Plans for five homes submitted to council

PLANNING applications received recently by Lichfield District Council include:

7 Rake Hill, Burntwood – demolition of 7 Rake Hill and erection of five five-bedroom detached dwellings, four detached double garages and associated works.

41 High Street, Chasetown – conversion of office to form a two-bedroom room flat (retrogressive).

Comments about the applications must be received by September 7.

Readings at church

HEATH Hayes Spiritualist Church are offering one to one, Tarot and Angel card readings on Saturday at the Cabin, in Hedgesford Road. Appointments are available from 10am to midday, and between 1 and 4pm. Call Joyce on 01543 579755 or 07733 398492 to make an appointment.

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What's the attraction with music festivals?

A MAN claims to have paid £3 to register his sat-nav as a Labour supporter in order to vote in the forthcoming leadership contest. Apparently the device is struggling to decide, sometimes favouring Corby in Northants, sometimes Kendal in the Lake District, and occasionally Burnham-on-Sea.

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INCIDENTALLY, Jeremy Corbyn is the younger brother of renowned meteorologist Piers Corbyn, who says man-made global warming is a myth. He says the planet stopped warming some years ago, and that trend is unlikely to be reversed any time soon.

Music to most motorists' ears, I would have thought. Perhaps it's just me, but it sounds like they're chosen the wrong brother again.

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SO, that's it from V Festival for another year, with only 1,000 people needing medical treatment, and just 78 ambulances called out.

What is the attraction with these events? Whatever makes an otherwise normal person pay through the nose to sit in traffic for hours on end, wash their hair with talcum powder, and sleep in a tiny tent during a thunderstorm to watch Tom Jones from a muddy field?

Each to their own, and there is nothing wrong with a passion for music. I just can't see what is wrong with seeing it in a concert hall or stadium. And having a wash before the performance.

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PATRICK MacNee, George Cole, and now Stephen Lewis, three towering figures of British television are no longer with us. Of course, they will all live on. The Avengers, Minder and On The Buses all continue to pull in viewers on the nostalgia channels for many years to come, emphasising just how little quality television is actually made today.

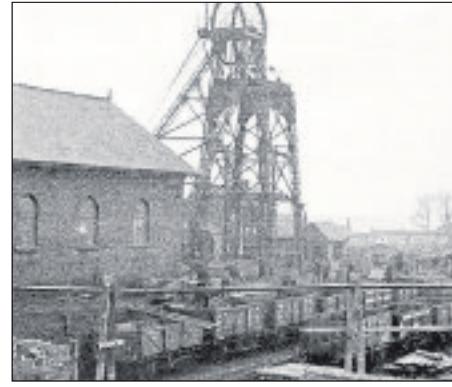
Isn't it depressing that while the technology and special effects have come on in leaps and bounds, we no longer seem able to make a light-hearted action adventure series which doesn't require an interest in psychology, we can't make an underworld crime drama which doesn't involve gratuitous violence, and nobody is able to come up with a sitcom about everyday working-class life that simply makes us laugh?

These days everything has to have an agenda, and the budget seems to be spent on everything but the scriptwriters.

Maybe we should remember that while MacNee, Cole and Lewis are the names we remember, it was Brian Clemens, Leon Griffiths, Ronald Chesney and Ronald Wolfe who were the real forces behind our favourite programmes. The role of the producer and scriptwriter is very under-rated.



Cannock Chase miners in the 19th Century



No 1 shaft at Cannock & Leacroft Colliery



Miners in Chase Terrace in the 1930s

When clanking of pit chains was all around

CARL CHINN looks at how mining came to play such a huge role in the development of the Cannock Chase district

COAL was once king on Cannock Chase. Mined in a small way from as far back as 1298, its large-scale exploitation was a feature of the later Victorian period, a phenomenon which precipitated a rapid rise in the population locally.

Indeed as late as 1848, only 2,852 people lived on the 20,000 acres of Cannock Chase, which remained overwhelmingly rural.

But rapid change was set to sweep the district, as Frederick Hackwood discerned.

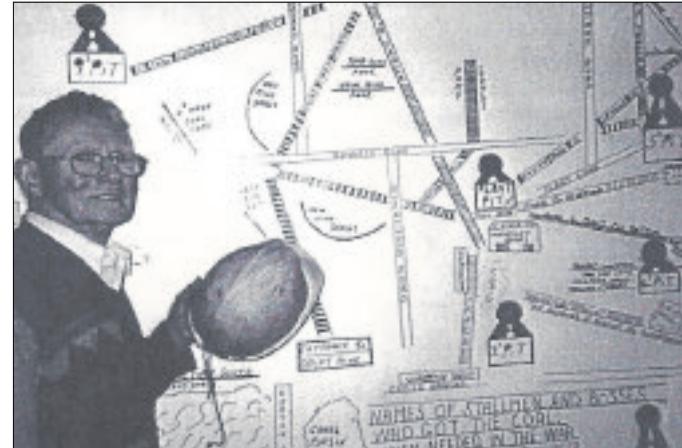
An indefatigable researcher into the history of South Staffordshire, in 1903 he declared that from the mid-19th Century "the vast heathery waste of Cannock gave way to the busy almost 'populous' mining region of which it mainly consists today".

It was the working out of the shallow depths of the thick coal of the Black Country that was the catalyst to develop the reserves of coal beneath the Chase.

According to Hackwood, "the pioneers whose first sinkings led to the establishment of the present large collieries on the Chase were Mr William Harrison and the late John Robinson MP, who began operations in 1848."

Hackwood underrated the extent of mining on the Chase before the coming of these two men.

In an advertisement for what was then called the South Staffordshire Junction Railway in 1845, it was emphasised that one of the reasons for it to be laid was to enable "the coal from Cannock Chase and Brownhills (the best for domestic purposes)" to be conveyed "at a small cost directly to supply the towns of Walsall and Dudley, Wolverhampton and Birmingham". Be that as it may, Harrison



Les Horton with a plan of the mines of Cannock Chase

and Maclean did play a vital role in the rapid expansion of both the mines and settlements on the Chase.

In 1872, Chasetown was described as "developing its existence from the coal-field" and as such was remarkable for its rapid growth.

As for Hedgesford it was stated that this was "an entirely new town". For generations, the clanking of coal pit chains was familiar to the people of Cannock Chase.

But that clanking itself was silenced with the calamitous decline of the coal industry from the 1970s.

The mines may be gone, but none should forget the hardships and the hard work of the men who went deep into the earth to fetch out the fuel that helped to power England.

One man who will never forget and who is proud to have been a miner on The Chase is Les Horton of Chase Terrace. Over the years,

he has written up his vivid memories of his working life and in so doing has ensured that the remarkable men with whom he worked will live on. Les started work at the Plant and Sevens pits in 1939 when he was 14-years-old, and he finished at Cannock Wood when all three pits closed.

His father had also been a miner but during the Great War he was stricken with enteric fever in the Dardanelles and was wounded and gassed at the Battle of the Somme.

Because of his injuries and ill health he was unable to work after he was 36 and, for all he had served his country and suffered for it, all he received was 12 shillings (60p) a week – out of which five shillings (25p) had to go on rent.

When Les went straight down the pit after finishing school, "it was a Godsend for my mother. I picked up 26 shillings (£1.30p) plus eight hundredweight of coal." A most hard-

working young man, he also picked potatoes in his spare time and from the age of 16 he was in the Home Guard, preparing to defend his country. Two years later, in 1943, Les was picked as one of the eight best miners in the country, having been chosen as the best miner in the West Midlands region.

Les's memories are extraordinary in their detail with regard to the work he did and in highlighting the conditions in the mines before nationalisation after the Second World War.

As such, they are a compelling and significant social document. In this extract he recalls his first few weeks down the pit: "When you are down the pit, you are in a different world. This was especially true in the early days of mining under private enterprise, and in pits sunk over a hundred years ago.

"I will start on the bank and tell you how it all started. At the beginning of the Second World War, there wasn't any cars to go to work, even the managers of the pit used to walk to work.

Clothes

"The wasn't a canteen, nor any baths, and no cap lamps; the lamps themselves were ten and a half pounds in weight, and remember in those days miners had to pay for most of their tools and explosives out of a very meagre wage.

"The clothes we wore were awful, made out of moleskins. The boots were not too clever either.

"Water had to be carried to the pit in big flagons and food in a snap tin (if you did not have a snap tin the rat would eat your snap!).

"Conditions down the pit were that bad that the miners' trousers when walking from work were all in tatters.

"Now I will tell you what it was like at the Pit Top. There wasn't any cover, only an old tin sheet or two. The difference in the shaft and cages then and now was enormous. Each cage was about three feet wide and six feet long.

"The shaft was about eight feet square with greased wooden guides. As a lad, to get into the cage was very frightening. Going down the first time I will never forget.

"To think I travelled up and down the Plant and Sevens pits for eighteen years. Also sixteen years down Cannock Wood."

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Council complaints are near to 500 in a year

Team crash in on award



The team from Burntwood Leisure Centre at the KP Push-Kart Derby

BURNTWOOD Leisure Centre scooped the 'Best Crash of the Day' award in the KP Push-Kart Derby, which took place in the town centre this month.

With the help of Speedway Motor Cycles of Cannock, Burntwood Leisure Centre built and raced a push-kart at KP's inaugural Push-Kart Derby.

A team was also on hand to give out leaflets and to promote Burntwood Leisure Centre.

The course for the event covered two adjacent flat 100-metre straight runs for non-powered karts which could be pushed or pulled. Councillor Andy Smith, Lichfield District Council's cabinet member for leisure and parks, said: "This event was a great way to bring the local community together and offered us the chance to tell people about all the great facilities and memberships we offer at Burntwood Leisure Centre."

"The team won three races, and also won best crash of the day!"

Burntwood Leisure Centre, in High Street, Chasetown, can be contacted by calling 01543 308810 or emailing blic@lichfielddc.gov.uk or by visiting www.burntwoodleisurecentre.co.uk

NEARLY 500 complaints were made about councils in the West Midlands region in a year, new figures reveal.

The number in Staffordshire, the Black Country, and Wyre Forest has fallen from 551 in 2013-14 to 471 in 2014-15, mirroring the trend across the country, where it dropped from 18,211 to 18,436. But the Ombudsman saw a 10 per cent increase in complaints about adult care services.

Meanwhile, complaints about benefits and tax dropped 11 per cent, and complaints about planning and development were down six per cent.

Cannock Chase Council had the least complaints, with all eight made referred back for local resolution. Staffordshire County Council was the subject of 106 complaints and inquiries, compared with 114 the year before. Nineteen were upheld, the majority relating to adult care services and education and children's services (40 each), and highways and transport with 19.

Majority

South Staffordshire had 15 in total, with four upheld, while Stafford Borough received 10 in total, with none upheld.

Of the 10 councils in the Black Country and Staffordshire areas, the ombudsman received the most complaints and inquiries regarding Sandwell Council. Of the 118 received, 19 were upheld, with 59 referred back for local resolution. The majority related to benefits and tax (33 complaints), with 24 regarding education and children's services, 21 about housing, and 15 about adult care services. There had been 138 complaints the previous year.

Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper said: "I believe that the increased number of complaints is a reflection, in part, of the reductions in services brought about by the effects of government cutbacks on councils as residents are now complaining about the level of service they receive."

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 BBC Radio 1 presenter

Patrol puzzle

I WONDER if the police who were allegedly "sozzled" at Magaluf could patrol Armitage for a few hours at night. If they are busy, a couple of Spanish ones would do.

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 Armitage

It's one problem too many for politicians

THE situation around Calais has been allowed to fester for too long and now there is no single solution.

Growing numbers have gathered from a variety of countries under the guise of migrants and asylum seekers and, in all probability, include terrorists, all wanting to reach the promised land of milk and honey.

Given their location in France, it is easier for authorities there to let them filter through to the UK. No amount of fencing, patrols or dogs will solve the problem while the camps remain and people traffickers continue to operate.

What to do with these people appears to be one problem too many for politicians who have slumbered while events have escalated. The UK's blotting paper is saturated and can soak up no more, but we will still be left with accommodating whoever reaches these shores, irrespective of having depleted facilities that cannot cope.

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Sad news on death of Nancy

Burntwood WI

GWYNETH welcomed everyone to the August meeting then gave the sad news of the passing away of Nancy Green who had been a past member for many years.

As part of the Burntwood Wakes this year there was a scarecrow competition.

These were to be displayed throughout Burntwood.

Some members had built a scarecrow to commemorate 100 years of the WI and although they didn't win they got a special award.

Thanks were given to Sandie Johnstone for another fantastic trip, this time to Coronation Street and Salford Quays.

The strawberry evening was a lovely night, spent eating and chatting.

Speaker for the evening was Matthew Ellis, Staffordshire Police & Crime Commissioner. He gave a little insight to his previous career and how he became Commissioner.

He fell into local politics and was elected to stand for Staffordshire County Council.

He was then asked to stand for the role of Commissioner and was elected in November 2012.

He is very passionate about his role and gave a brief update on what had been achieved.

Afters tea and cake ladies were invited to put questions to Mr Ellis. Wendy Dunn gave the vote of thanks.

Social time was a quiz.

Wendy won the competition for five pieces of shortbread.

The next meeting will be a vintage tea to celebrate 100 years of the WI.

A-mazed by visit to Hampton Court



Enjoying a picturesque tour of the gardens in the Shire Horse Drawn Tram are, from left, Pauline Peace, Jean Green, Wendy McGarry and Pat Oliver

AS there was no August meeting, guild members and their friends visited Hampton Court Palace in London.

The coach left the Brownhills Memorial Hall at 8am for a full day of interest and enjoyment. Hampton Court is one of the Royal Palaces. It was enormous, covering lots of ground and beautiful gardens. It's full of history – the story of the Tudors and especially Henry VIII and all six wives.

The art gallery has some very well-known artists' work on display.

Lowdown given on Troop Aid

PAM Sutton and her colleague Kim visited on August 12 to talk to members about Troop Aid.

The charity was found in 2006 when three ex-servicemen visited Selly Oak's Hospital's Alexandra Wing in Birmingham.

They had been given £50, raised from a coffee morning, and used it to purchase chocolates from Cadbury World to take to injured

Troop Aid provides each service man or woman with a grab bag containing basic essentials such as towel, flannel, toiletries, a T-shirt and shorts as well as underwear and slippers.

The speaker in September will be John Cooper talking about his life as a chef on a liner. Etching Hill are holding a tea party on September 12 to celebrate a 100 years of the WI.

Brownhills WI

Etching Hill WI

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A RUGELEY woman was left in agony after medics left a plastic tube inside her as she had a gastric bypass in a bid to lose weight.

Helen Reynolds, aged 51, originally visited Spire Birmingham Hospital in 2013 to have a gastric band fitted.

But after her initial operation was unsuccessful, she went to Spire Manchester Hospital. Desperate to begin her healthy lifestyle, Ms Reynolds had a gastric bypass operation at the end of January 2014. But months after the op, she found herself in crippling pain. Doubled over at home, she was startled to find blood in her urine and contacted doctors immediately.

But she was left frustrated after doctors dismissed her concerns as hormonal changes and sent her home. She said: "I suffered for months and months with excruciating pain in my stomach."

Previous

Over the next year, doctors puzzled over what could be wrong. When, eventually, she underwent a sonogram, Ms Reynolds was told that she had what appeared to be cysts on her ovaries and had an operation arranged to inspect them.

But she says that after Spire Little Aston Hospital anaesthetised her, they stitched back up again having spotted that the cysts were in fact two-and-a-half inches of plastic tubing, left inside her from a previous operation.

Ms Reynolds added: "When they realised their mistake, they got me into surgery as soon as possible." She had to wait another two weeks before she could have the tubing removed.

A spokesperson for Spire Healthcare said: "Spire Healthcare has an obligation to protect patient confidentiality and is unable to comment on individual patient cases."



Excruciating – Helen Reynolds with the plastic tubing that was left inside her

Trains delayed in storm

A LIGHTNING strike caused an electricity transformer in Penkridge to burst into flames, disrupting train services.

Firefighters were called to the scene in Water Eaton Lane at 8.17pm on Saturday. Engineers from Western Power had to first isolate the power.

A crew from Penkridge tackled the fire which took nearly an hour to put out. It happened as the West Midlands was briefly battered by severe storms. Trains between Stafford and Wolver-

hampton were affected for four hours. Trains between Bristol and Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool as well as London and Crewe were all affected.

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A spokesman from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "The incident involved one electric transformer on fire which had been struck by lightning."

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However, veterinary nurse Stephanie Kent from Penkridge took on the role as the kittens' foster mother and has looked after them ever since.

Stephanie also named the kittens she has dubbed her 'adorable little babies'.

They are Scrat, the smallest one of the litter, Blossom, Peaches and male kitten Bosley – named after the Charlie's Angels' character who is always surrounded by three females.

The two-day-old black and white kittens were found in a closed cardboard box hidden deep in shrubbery by a member of the public. They were

taken to St George's Veterinary Hospital, Wolverhampton, and examined by a vet, who after consultation with the RSPCA instigated an emergency hand-rearing process.

Toni Raymond, marketing assistant at St George's, said: "They would have almost certainly died within a couple of hours had they not been brought to us."

"We estimated they were only two days old and at that age they need feeding at regular intervals."

"Their eyes were not in great condition and they still had parts of their umbilical cords attached."

Toni said Stephanie carried the kittens in a box everywhere she went

so she could give them regular feeds. "The ones that had developed poorly eyes are undergoing treatment which is proving to be successful," she added.

Homes are now being sought for the kittens as Stephanie is not able to keep them a permanent basis.

Toni said: "It will be some time yet before they are big enough and strong enough to be considered for homes, so the fostering will continue for the time being."

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Fire service has bill of £450k for false alarms

FIREFIGHTERS in Staffordshire were called nearly 3,500 times in one year when they were not needed, costing taxpayers £450,000.

The true cost of unnecessary call-outs in the county was revealed weeks after fire service bosses confirmed that more than 40 firefighter posts would be axed to save £1.1 million this year.

Between July 2014 and June this year Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service attended 3,489 incidents when they were not required.

While in most cases - 2,045 - the alert was made with genuine concern, in the same period there were 125 malicious calls to deliberately waste firefighters' time - more than twice a week.

Frustrating

In 1,329 of the cases the call-out came from automated systems often fitted to businesses. As a result, fire chiefs announced in June they would no longer attend the majority of incidents where a fire has not been confirmed, with the exception of high-risk cases.

Group manager Paul Shaw said: "Attending false alarms is frustrating as firefighters attending to them may be needed at a real emergency such as a fire or road traffic collision. They

can also take crews away from critical firefighter training or community safety work and in the case of on-call firefighters needlessly take them away from their normal place of work.

"This frustration is heightened when the false alarm was malicious.

"A large proportion of false alarms are caused by faulty equipment, often due to a lack of maintenance of the system or the competency of the fire alarm companies fitting the alarms.

"Last year false alarms cost us in the region of £450,000 a year. However, we expect this figure to fall as we introduced a new policy on June 1."

Mr Shaw added that businesses were legally obligated to install suitable fire detection equipment which was regularly tested and maintained.

Holidays are a wriggle on Superworm Trail



From back, Kerry Jones, Danielle Ash and Katie Jones with Laila Jones, aged seven, Sienna Barr, four, and Emmie Ash, two, all from Rugeley and Cannock

YOUNGSTERS have been having fun on a Cannock Chase trail dedicated to a much-loved children's book.

They have been finding their way through the Forestry Commission's Superworm Trail. The Superworm books tell the story of how a superhero worm and his mini-beast friends defeat the villainous Wizard Lizard.

At each stop of the trail, visitors discover a panel containing activities and questions inspiring them to use the Superworm story and its characters to think about the woods and forests around them. The trail has been designed by Forestry Commission England's learning team to have activities suitable for children aged three to six, as well as elements to appeal to six to eight-year-olds.

The activities encourage children to use their 'superhero' senses and powers of discovery and creativity, from discovering the touch and smell of the forest to becoming nature detectives. There are also special packs with additional things to do, including a sticker sheet, activity leaflet and a limited edition Superworm mini-book.

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Work starts on changing 'eyesore' pub into store

WORK is under way to turn an eyesore pub in Hednesford into a convenience store.

It is hoped a post office, coffee shop and cafe will also open there.

Plans to knock down The Globe Inn were approved by Cannock Chase Council in April, following years of vandalism at the derelict site.

Further plans to build a 20-bed care home facility on the East Cannock Road site were also given the go-ahead.

Builders have now moved onto the site of the pub, which has been boarded up since 2012.

The store is the first stage of the new plans. It is expected to be open by the end of the year. Developer Steven Singh Chahal also hopes to open a post office counter inside the store and a sandwich and coffee shop. Mr Chahal said: "It is all going to plan, builders have started work on converting the pub into a store, which should be up and running by the new year."

Jobs

"The structure of the building will remain the same for the store and I hope to get a Costa Coffee and Subway on the site too."

Mr Chahal also hopes to build flats above the store at a later date. Plans to build the care home, with 18 parking spaces, are yet to have a confirmed starting date. Once built the home could create 14 full and part-time jobs.

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson welcomed the plans, saying: "The pub was sadly an eyesore for those living near to it, and it is great to now see work has started to clear up the site."

"To have a post office counter there too would be ideal for the area."

He added: "There is also a big demand for more care facilities for the growing elderly population in Cannock so this is great news."



Builders have moved onto the site of the pub which was boarded up in 2012

World Cup hero to give talk



Kyran Bracken

RUGBY legend and World Cup winner Kyran Bracken will be coming to Cannock later this year.

The former England captain who walked out for his country 51 times before retiring in 2004 will be at Bar Sport's Premier Suite on October 8.

The scrum-half also featured in the national team's 2003 World Cup win in

Australia. Tickets are now available for An Evening with Kyran Bracken when the rugby star will give an after-dinner speech.

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MIDLAND Expressway Ltd (MEL), operators of the M6 Toll, donated a further £30,000 to good causes at its Drive for Charity fun day.

The event at the Norton Canes service areas was hosted by members of MEL's social committee members in conjunction with their chosen charities – Violets in Bloom; Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham Charity & Fisher House UK; and Staffordshire Search & Rescue Team – along with Midlands Air Ambulance and Gentleshaw Wildlife Centre. Charity representatives were presented with cheques for

£10,000 each by MEL's chief executive Andy Pearson. A further £20,000 has been allocated to support a range of local community projects over the next 12 months, such as Gentleshaw Wildlife Centre who were a beneficiary of last year's Drive for Charity. MEL also has an ongoing programme of support for Midlands Air Ambulance.

Mr Pearson said: "This year's event was a great success and our donations will go towards fantastic causes."

Visit www.m6toll.co.uk or email d4c@m6toll.co.uk for further details about the fundraising scheme.

Search for best export

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling is launching a competition to identify the district's best export.

The winning entry will be showcased alongside the best exports of other parliamentary constituencies as part of the Exported by Britain campaign.

Exported by Britain is a campaign jointly run by the All-Party Parliamentary Manufacturing Group (APMG) and the All-Party Parliamentary De-

sign and Innovation Group (APDIG). The APDIG and APMG will expand on the success of their previous project, Made by Britain, which asked MPs to nominate an object or product manufactured in their constituencies.

It attracted more than 300 nominations including those from the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Ms Milling is now seeking nominations for Cannock Chase's best export. Submissions can be made via email to amanda.milling.mp@parliament.uk. "This competition is a great oppor-

tunity to showcase Britain's exports, and I'm sure Cannock Chase has some fantastic contributions to make," she said.

"I look forward to hearing from businesses large and small in Cannock Chase who export goods or services and would like to be recognised in this national competition."

"I would also like to use this competition as an opportunity to hear from exporters in my constituency about their experiences, and how the Government can support them in their efforts," she added.

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COMPETITION

SCANDINAVIAN home furnishing retailer JYSK opens a new Cannock store this weekend – and is offering Chronicle readers the chance to win a shopping spree.

Cannock will become the focus for the Danish global furnishing business as JYSK continues its UK expansion programme with another new store, creating jobs for the town.

Already one of the world's largest retail furniture groups, with more than 2,200 stores in 37 countries, JYSK – expert in Scandinavian Sleeping & Living, will open at Wyreley Brook Retail Park, off Vine Lane, Cannock on Saturday (August 29) at 9am.

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Three lucky readers can win a spending spree at the new store. The winner will win vouchers worth £250, with two runners-up prizes of a £125 spree each. To enter, simply answer this question.

Which breakfast food is linked to Denmark? a): toast, b): pastry or c): croissant

Send your answers, on a postcard, with your name, address and a contact telephone number to: JYSK competition, Cannock & Rugeley Chronicle, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date for entries is Thursday, September 3.

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Reminder on deadline for Fire Cadets applications

YOUNG people who would like to become a Fire Cadet in the west of the county are being reminded they have until September 4 to apply.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service is calling on 14 to 17-year-olds to apply for its pioneering training scheme. The next courses, which run for 39 weeks, will start next month.

Fire Cadets is an educational programme covering a range of topics, including basic firefighting techniques and life skills. It is designed to combat anti-social behaviour in local communities, and promote citizenship among young people.

Upon successful completion of the training, the cadets will achieve BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services in the Community. Contact Business Support Manager Caroline Firkins on 01785 898513 or email c.firkins@staffordshirefire.gov.uk for more information on how to apply.

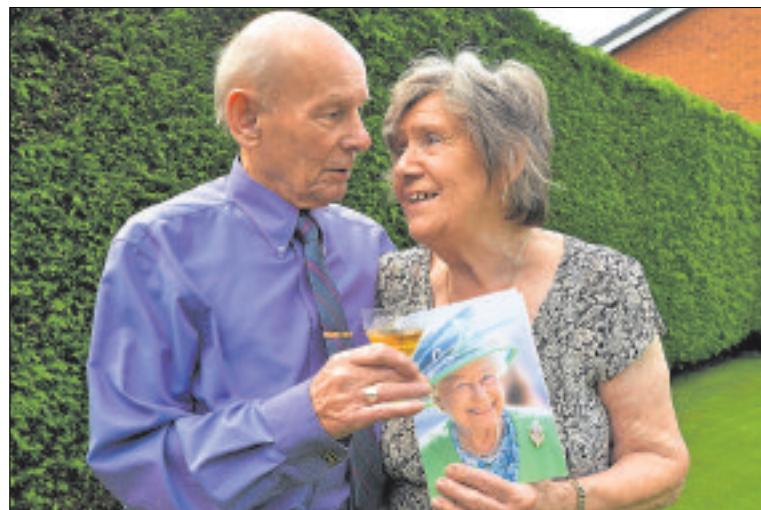
The sessions will run in line with the academic year at Rugeley fire station on Saturdays from 10am to 12.30pm, and Stafford fire station on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm.

Station Manager Alan Snell said: "The Fire Cadets scheme has proven popular since it was launched in Staffordshire two years ago with many young people having gained some excellent experience as a result. It is a great way for teenagers to spend their time and it encourages them to make new friends, gain confidence and learn life skills that will put them in good stead for a productive and positive future."

The Fire Cadets also learn firefighting techniques such as hose running, water drills, breathing apparatus and casualty extrication – it is a really hands-on course.

"I would urge young people who would like to get involved in this unique scheme to contact us as soon as possible as time is running out for applications to be submitted."

Cinema outing led to romance



John and Shirley Justice from Beverley Close, Penkridge, are celebrating their diamond wedding

THE walk home from a night at the cinema was the moment John and Shirley Justice realised love was on the cards.

The couple from Beverley Close, Penkridge, have been celebrating their diamond wedding with friends and family.

They got married on August 6, 1955 at St Mary's Church in Bushbury three years after their first date which happened shortly after the pair met properly for the first time after a night out at the cinema in Bushbury.

Mr and Mrs Justice, who are now aged 86 and 79 respectively, then met regularly on nights out at dance halls where the romance blossomed. After getting married they raised their two sons Gary and David.

John said: "I went to the cinema on my own and Shirley went with friends and we met on the way back walking back from the cinema. She recognised me from the youth club and shouted at me 'Hello John' and it started from there. She then came to



Their wedding day

a dance when I was the MC of a local dance club and then I said to her 'If you wait for me, I'll take you home.'

"She didn't wait on that night but she came again next time and then waited for me and it went from there."

"Shirley was seven years younger than me but she knew of me. I proposed to her about 18 months after. She's very pretty and still is today."

"It's a long time, 60 years, and I don't know what I would do if it broke up. I'd be lost, no doubt about that."

After getting married, the pair then went to Cliftonville in Margate for a week on their honeymoon.

On what makes a long and happy marriage, John added: "You have to give and take and enjoy life and what you have."

Shirley said: "Getting married was one of the best days of my life. I made the right decision and we are still going very strong."

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An example of a forensic 'digital lab'

23 children are saved from web sex abuse

MORE than 20 'at-risk' children in Staffordshire have been protected since a new police operation dealing with online child abuse came into force last month.

Staffordshire Police's new Operation Safenet team has been launched to catch the people possessing and distributing indecent images of children.

So far a total of 23 children who were at risk of online abuse have been protected with 13 arrests made in connection with cases throughout the county. And from those arrests two charges were brought.

One case saw a search warrant executed at a home in Stafford where a 66-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of indecent images of children.

In a separate investigation, the team charged a 35-year-old Stafford man with six offences of possession of indecent images of children and six charges of distributing indecent images of children. The man has been remanded in custody and was due to appear in court yesterday.

Each week the team, which includes police officers and digital forensic experts, use digital investigative technology which can identify where in the county illegal images are being viewed.

The data is then used by police to apply for search warrants and to raid homes to seize evidence and arrest those involved.

Identify

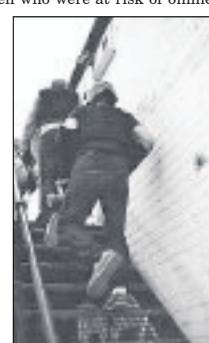
Police chiefs say they have launched the operation because of the current rise in conversations taking place between abusers and children online. Officers hope the risk of being arrested will deter them from committing further offences.

Jon Drake, assistant chief constable from Staffordshire Police, said: "I cannot give away too much detail about how we identify the homes we need to target but I am both shocked and saddened by the number of people involved in this criminal behaviour."

"We have done something innovative with Operation Safenet – using the latest mobile-based technology we set up a digital forensics laboratory in the home of the suspect and examine the computers, mobiles, tablets and data storage devices within minutes of arresting the suspect."

The forensics staff work with the police officers in the address to immediately secure evidence for a prosecution so a quick decision can be made regarding charging and putting the suspect before the courts.

"I want those accessing such images to really think



A Safenet team entering an address in Staffordshire



The Safenet poster



The operation logo

about their actions. Often they think there isn't a victim because they might not have any direct contact with the children in the images, but those children are victims of abuse and were abused to make those images.

"We will continue to tackle this issue and take enforcement action to protect children until we know children are safe. Sadly I am concerned this will take a long time but Staffordshire Police will continue our efforts to do this."

Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis welcomed the innovative operation which he said will help many children live a better life.

He said: "The online sexual abuse of children is vile and repulsive. It crosses national and international borders which makes it complex and costly to deal with."

"The cowardly low-lives involved need tracking down and dealing with. Sadly and alarmingly, online sexual abuse is fast becoming a volume crime meaning new thinking is required."

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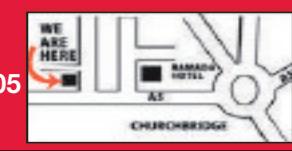
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Barbara Meek with animals at Lower Drayton Farm

FELT-MAKING workshops for children and adults will be held at Lower Drayton Farm near Penkridge. Guided by felt artist Barbara Meek, the workshops will be held tomorrow, and then on September 20 and October 30.

They will be included for free in the price of admission to the Fun Farm, although donations towards the cost of the materials would be welcome. Visitors will be able to help create a 'farm frieze' comprised of felt animals.

Barbara began her career managing her own interior design company, working with textiles on a regular basis.

However, when she discovered felt-making 16 years ago, she took to it immediately and has never looked back – even travelling as far afield as Turkey to train in the art of felt rug making. She said: "Everyone in attendance will have the opportunity to make a lovely piece of felt, which they can then mount onto a gift card and take it away, as well as participating in making a collaborative frieze piece of art called 'Down on the Farm' which will feature at Lower Drayton Farm for years to come."

For more information about Lower Drayton Farm, visit www.lowerdraytonfarm.co.uk and to discover more about Barbara's work visit www.feltworld.co.uk

Petition is calling for fair school funding

A PETITION calling for fairer funding for schools has been launched by an MP who says more money is spent in adjacent areas.

Gavin Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire, launched a petition in support of a new national funding formula. He has been pushing for a fairer funding formula since his election in 2010.

By Lisa Wright

schools has seen children from South Staffordshire lose out for far too long.

"I have launched a petition across South Staffordshire this summer and will present it in Parliament later in the year together with MPs from up and down the country.

"We need to bring home to ministers that parents across South Staffordshire want a fair deal for their children, based on need rather than where they happen to live."

"It is disgraceful that schools in South Staffordshire receive £515.75 less per pupil than schools in neighbouring areas like Wolverhampton, Walsall and Dudley."

Pupils in South Staffordshire receive £515.75 less than a pupil in Wolverhampton.

Mr Williamson said: "The unfair funding system for

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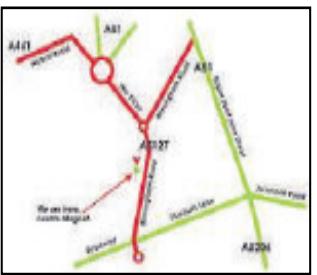
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Union attacks contract

A UNION boss has called the contracting out of Staffordshire's NHS cancer contract as 'completely unworkable' and wants it scrapped. Gerard Coyne, West Midlands regional secretary for Unite, was speaking following the decision of University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust to pull out of the £690 million deal, saying it cannot afford to run the service under the terms of the 10-year deal. Mr Coyne said: "This confirms that this experiment in tendering is more of an unrealistic cost cutting exercise than a workable pioneering project to integrate care."

District is among top spenders on diabetes

HEALTH bosses in Cannock Chase are spending among the most on diabetes care per patient in the country, new figures reveal.

An average of £360 per person was shelled out by the district's Clinical Commissioning Group in 2014-15. And it has emerged that seven per cent of the area's adult population has diabetes, which places it 40th in the country out of 211 regions.

Some £2.7 million is being spent on prescription drugs – or 11.4 per cent of the budget for all medicines.

Experts fear the condition, which can be caused by obesity, is leaving the NHS struggling to cope with the influx of patients.

Meanwhile, parts of the Black Country have the highest numbers of people with diabetes in the country – and the problem is getting worse, despite millions of pounds being spent treating the condition.

It has sparked fears that services are being put under increasing pressure by the health issues associated with the condition.

Increased

And experts say the NHS could even be bankrupted if the crisis is not tackled.

Sandwell has the second highest proportion of adults with diabetes in England, at 8.8 per cent, and Walsall is third with 8.7 per cent.

Wolverhampton is 12th with 7.9 per cent. The numbers have increased every year since 2010.

And diabetes care is costing up to £360 per patient a year in the region.

In Sandwell, some £11.6m was spent on diabetes medication in 2014-15 – 13.4 per cent of cash spent on all prescription drugs. This is the eighth highest in the country. And 12.6 per cent

of Wolverhampton CCG's budget went on treating the condition, at £5.7m. This equates to £20.54 for every patient treated.

Dudley has 6.8 per cent of adults with diabetes.

A total of £5.6m, or 10 per cent of the budget, was shelled out on care for diabetes last year. Walsall bosses spent £5.2m, which was 10.2 per cent of the total.

Across the country in 2014-15 there were 47.2 million items prescribed for diabetes at a cost of £868.6m.

Barbara Young, chief executive of Diabetes UK, said: "Diabetes already costs the NHS nearly £10 billion a year, and 80 per cent of this is spent on managing avoidable complications.

"So there is huge potential to save money and reduce pressure on NHS hospitals and services through providing better care to prevent people with diabetes from developing devastating and costly complications.

"The NHS must prioritise providing better care, along with improved and more flexible education options, for people with diabetes now, and give them the best possible chance of living long and healthy lives. Now is the time for action."

'Ambassador' to support newly formed group

AN independent 'ambassador' with nearly 40 years senior NHS experience has been appointed to support Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent's health and care organisations in a new assembly aimed at improving services for patients.

The newly formed Commissioning Congress – made up of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent's six clinical commissioning groups, Staffordshire County Council, Stoke-on-Trent City Council and NHS England – has announced Mike Potts's appointment as the inaugural executive chair of the pan-Staffordshire transformation programme. He has

39 years' experience of management and leadership in the NHS, including 12 years as a chief executive.

He has led three commissioning organisations and held senior leadership roles in acute hospitals, primary care and community services. "I am hugely inspired by the possibilities of bringing health and care organisations together," he said.

"I see my role as that of an independent ambassador and I am committed to working hard to support health and care professionals to deliver the highest quality services for the people of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent," he said.

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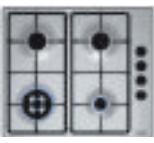
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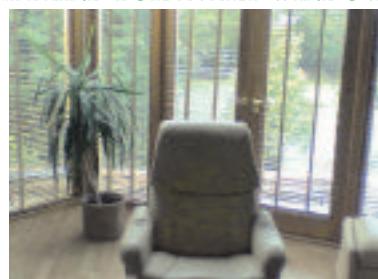
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1,000 jobs joy thanks to business loans fund

MORE than 1,000 jobs in Staffordshire have been created or safeguarded in six years through a loan fund for small businesses.

Set up in 2009, the Staffordshire Business Loans Fund has developed 165 loans worth a total of £4.25 million. In 2013, the fund was extended to cover the whole of the Local Enterprise Partnership area, which includes Stoke-on-Trent.

Since its creation, the fund has created or safeguarded 1,079 jobs.

These include 25 jobs at Stafford-based facade engineering business Lordswood Architectural, set up in 2012. The business was formed when entrepreneur Dee Benning decided to fulfil his long-term ambition of running his own business after being made redundant from a company operating in the same sector.

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Paul Kalinauskas, chief executive of BCRS, said: "BCRS are proud of its flexible approach to lending."

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Progress made on fibre optic work in villages

PROGRESS continues on rolling out fibre optic broadband to villages in South Staffordshire.

Superfast Staffordshire is working with the county council to roll out the project to give residents and businesses access to high-speed fibre optic broadband.

The project is a partnership between the council, BT and the Government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) programme.

So far more than 53,000 premises in Staffordshire have been supplied with fibre optic broadband, with the latest villages to benefit being Kinver, Stourton and Envile. Councillor Mark

Winnington, the council's cabinet member for economy, environment and transport, said: "We recognise the importance of superfast broadband many years ago and that is why we have invested over £8 million in the superfast speed for Staffordshire."

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said: "Although it is great news that these three villages now have access to high-speed broadband, it is important that we continue the good work across South Staffordshire. I have recently met with BT to discuss the delays and push for progress in roll-out in other villages."

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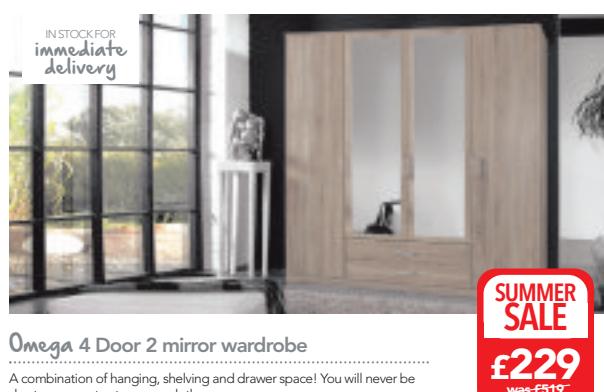
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Veteran rocker not going to fade away

ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

VETERAN rocker Neil Young is opting to burn rather than fade away and is full of righteous rage and indignation on his 36th album *The Monsanto Years*.

Global corporations, particularly the one in the title, come in for fierce condemnation over their impact on farmers and the planet in a series of songs linked by his ecological concerns.

In LA band Promise of the Real, led by Willie Nelson's sons Lukas and Micah, he has got a backing band with the heft to make a blistering riffing cacophony to match his ire, on with his mighty backing band of yesteryear Crazy Horse.

Some songs suffer because the message has come before the music, with lyrics squeezed in to make his point, and slip into slogans — "Too big to fail, too rich for jail" — on Big Box. But it is exhilarating to hear Young sounding so focused and furious.

The stomping Workin' Man is a highlight, as is People Want to Hear About Love, on which he states his case for protest. Meanwhile, Wolf Moon adds another lunar themed soothie ballad in the style of his classic Harvest Moon. The album is available with a 76-minute DVD containing in-studio performances and behind the scenes footage from the making of the album.

Tame Impala, AKA Aussie psych pop sensation Kevin Parker, largely switches guitars for synths on his third album *Currents*.

The songs still have Tame Impala hallmarks, such as wistful melancholy, sudden changes of gear and phasing, but Parker brings in elements of fried funk, a few expletives and synth pop



Exhilarating to hear Neil Young so focused and furious on *The Monsanto Years* covering some choice rarities, several never released before.

Serious seekers for obscure rock 'n' roll and Francophile music fans will find lots of Gallic delights on Various Artists album *Vive Le Rock 'n' Roll 1956 to 1962*. Put together by RPM International, a label dedicated to seeking out rare and iconic non-Anglo music, this 22-track set has lots of treats.

Highlights include Twist A Saint-Tropez and Le Jour J by Les Chats Sauvages, Baby Let's Play House and Sweet Little Sixteen by adopted English-American Vince Taylor and his Play Boys, garage rocker Oh Les Filles! by Les Pingouins, the bonkers Gong-Gong by Danyel Gerard, and the accordion-propelled Rock Rock by Charles Verstraete. The 1956 track Rock and Roll Mops by Henry Cording and his Original Rock and Roll Boys, co-written by Michel Legrand, lays claim to being France's first rock record. A minus point is that the greatest of all French rockers, Johnny Hallyday, is represented by two poor quality recordings.

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CANNOCK Chase Council has launched an official First World War website to remember the sacrifices made by men and women across the district.

As well as giving visitors information on local campaigns and events commemorating the Great War, the website also allows family, friends and survivors to share their memories.

The website features items from local historian Paul Bedford, who spent six years researching the history of the 564 men from Cannock and Hedgesford who never returned home after going off to fight. He recently launched the book 'Not Just Names'.

Council leader Councillor George Adamson said: "It has been a poignant couple of years. This extraordinary website has a wealth of local infor-

mation about local men from the area that lost their lives during the First World War and also highlights our local wartime history. It's important that we remember."

To see the website, log on to www.cannockchase.dcc.gov.uk/worldwar1

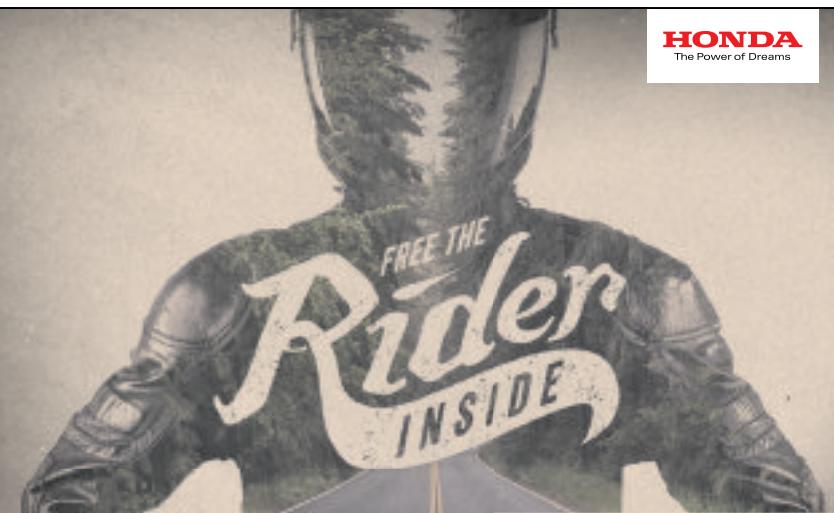
Last year marked the centenary of the start of the First World War, and there have been a number of events and commemorations in the district to remember those who were involved in the conflict.

This year has seen two events - 'Four Winters at War' and 'Stepping into Wartime' - which have formed part of the four-year centenary programme. Both events have been extremely successful, with hundreds of local people attending.

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The sum, thought to be nearly enough to fund two retained firefighters for a year, has been revealed following a Freedom of Information request. Bosses also spent £165 on a buffet for fire chiefs on the day it was announced from line jobs would be axed throughout the county.

A total of £10,626.44 was spent on this year's MORE Awards held on June 23. The ceremony recognises the work of firefighters. The largest sums forked out included £3,750 for audio visual equipment and staging, £3,523.50 for catering, £750 for entertainment as well as £362 on the awards themselves and £350 to hire the venue at Staffordshire County Showground.

Cuts

But bosses stated that £9,126.44 generated in sponsorship meant the event almost paid for itself.

On July 13, Staffordshire Fire Authority announced £1.1million in front line cuts which will see the loss of 22 full-time posts and 21 retained firefighters.

Stations in Cannock, Rugeley, Stone and Lichfield are among those to be affected.

On the day the decision was made, £165 was spent on a buffet for 30 fire chiefs. But bosses stated this worked out at £5.50 a head and saved £31.50 because the 21 elected members in attendance were entitled to claim £7 for lunch as the meeting lasted more than four hours.

Councillor William Day, on the Fire Authority, defended the spending. He said: "£20,000 is a lot of money to anyone but the MORE Awards are sponsored and practically pay for themselves."

"They are important because they not only recognise the work of firefighters but members of the public as well."

"We are very keen on the way it helps promote people and advances people in the fire authority so I believe it's good. The meeting on July 13 was an all-day event so the lunch was for people attending."

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Guest of honour Clive Smith, centre, with, left, the event's sponsor, Rob Hughes of Cannock Radio, and event organiser Andy Sawyer

BRERETON Town FC will be taking on legends from Wolves on Sunday in aid of Help for Heroes.

The Sunday league side will face the all-star Wanderers outfit as the main attraction on a full day of activities.

Former RAF field caterer Andy Sawyer, whose son plays for Brereton's under-9s, has played a major role in organising the event.

He has also had the help of double amputee Sapper Clive Smith, from Cannock, who served in Afghanistan with the 33 Engineer Regiment and lost both of his legs to an ex-

plosion. Mr Sawyer, aged 47, from Hednesford, said: "These guys are injured for life and what we want to do is make sure the charity keeps having support and money."

The fundraiser at Brereton's ground on the A51 will start at mid-day. Kick-off is between 2 and 3pm.

There will be market stalls, a tombola, an inflatable football pitch, as well as live music which will play into the evening after the match. Admission is free but there is a suggested donation of £3 per person or £5 for families.

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Concerns at how police store footage from cameras

CONCERN have been raised about how footage captured by personal cameras worn by police officers is secure and stored.

It has been claimed some police forces, including Staffordshire, use a system where video is automatically uploaded onto commercial servers rented by US firm Taser. But Staffordshire Police says it uses different types of cameras and is only accessible to the force and held within the UK in compliance with Home Office policy.

Dr Helge Janicke, senior lecturer in cyber security and forensics at De Montfort University, Leicester, said the issue was over trust with the data.

However, Assistant Chief Constable Bernie O'Reilly, from Staffordshire Police, said: "Our firearms officers have been using chest mounted body worn video on their routine patrol since February this year. Officers across the force have been using them – not trialling – since October 2013."

Sure

"We are also one of three forces nationally taking part in a pilot to try to identify the best equipment for use during firearms operations."

"So, as well as the normal chest mounted cameras worn by all officers, some firearms officers are using different types of cameras (not just Taser) that are head mounted. We want to make sure that we get the best footage when we deploy with different equipment and in different circumstances."

She added: "The footage is only accessible to Staffordshire Police and is automatically deleted within 30 days, unless it is necessary to retain it for evidential purposes."

"The storage of all footage captured by our general, and specialist Body Worn Video, is hosted within the UK in compliance with national Home Office policy and in accordance with the European Convention of Human Rights."

High Sheriff sees justice in action



Johnny Leavesley, centre front, with Jenny Webb immediately to his right

STAFFORDSHIRE'S High Sheriff Johnny Leavesley witnessed justice in action during an official visit to Cannock Magistrates Court.

The author, who is five months into a year-long appointment as the figurehead for law and order in Staffordshire, met with Jenny Webb, chairman of the Central and South West Staffordshire Bench, and other local magistrates.

During the visit, Mr Leavesley was invited to sit as an observer to watch the day's cases unfold and was able to appreciate the valuable service magistrates provide. The High Sheriff said: "I would like

to thank Jenny and the staff at Cannock Magistrates Court for taking the time to expand my knowledge of the local justice system."

Staffordshire's criminal justice staff work very hard to deliver an efficient justice system and many of them donate their time voluntarily. I wholeheartedly appreciate their efforts and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued dedication and commitment. They play an instrumental role in keeping Staffordshire safe."

Mr Leavesley is touring the county's justice establishments in his role to promote law and order.

During the visit, Mr Leavesley was invited to sit as an observer to watch the day's cases unfold and was able to appreciate the valuable service magistrates provide. The High Sheriff said: "I would like

Prevention of crime and disorder has been highlighted as a priority in a licensing policy drawn up by Cannock Chase Council.

The policy covering the period 2016-20 sets out how the council administers its licensing functions and how decisions will be made.

Residents have the opportunity to comment on the document between now and September 27.

Councillor Alan Dudson, environment portfolio leader, said: "The council recognises that well-run licensed premises make our town centres and the wider environment a safe and enjoyable place to visit.

"This consultation provides residents and businesses in the district the opportunity to make

comments on the document before it is adopted by Cannock Chase Council."

The general principles of the policy focus on four licensing objectives – the prevention of crime and disorder, ensuring public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

The document can be viewed on the council's website at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/info/100002/business/1502/draft_licensing_policy

Comments are invited during the consultation period, either by email to licensingunit@cannock-chasedc.gov.uk or by post to Licensing Unit, Cannock Chase Council, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock WS11 1BG.

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Region's canals 'can offer different path'

MILES of canal towpaths can play a major role in the West Midlands' transport plans, according to the head of the organisation that looks after the waterways in the region.

Opening them up to cyclists and walkers would help improve the transport infrastructure, said Peter Mathews, chairman of the Canal & River Trust's partnership in the West Midlands.

The trust safeguards 350km of waterways in the West Midlands as well as caring for a collection of listed structures and important wildlife sites.

Backing the new West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan, Mr Mathews said: "We do need to create more awareness of the canal network in the West Midlands and with £6 million from the Department for Transport we have a scheme in place to transform access to the canals for thousands of people."

Working

"This is a huge task because parts of the canal network are over 250 years old. However, we can make them better places for leisure as well as linking with organisations and businesses to make them safer and more attractive places for all of our different users."

"We are working closely with Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity who have a base in Birmingham, to achieve our aspirations to encourage people to walk and cycle more as a starting point for reducing motor traffic."

Yvonne Gilligan, regional director of Sustrans, has been appointed to the partnership. She said: "We are aware of the problems faced by towpath visitors and we're working hard with the Trust to improve surfaces. More and more people in Birmingham see cycling and walking as a way to travel."



Could the region's canals and paths provide an extra option for commuters?

Countryside 'is thriving'

DEVELOPING redundant brownfield land for housing sites is the key to promoting growth and strengthen communities, Staffordshire County Council chiefs have said.

Following the Chancellor's statement on the Government's commitment to ensuring rural communities thrive and grow, economy boss Councillor Mark Winnington said Staffordshire was a great example where the countryside provides jobs and opportunities.

He added: "Staffordshire's rural

communities are thriving. We welcome the Government's announcement that villages should decide on their own local plans and I would like to see planning regulations eased for appropriate rural development."

"This isn't about expanding villages; it's about smarter use of available land."

"Disused farm buildings could be transformed into mixed use housing, providing affordable homes to people who have grown up in rural areas and to those moving from towns."

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Mark shows no sign of slowing up in race bid

PENKRIDGE'S Mark Vaz is continuing to pound streets across the UK on a gruelling Guinness World Record attempt to complete 90 marathons in 90 days in aid of a pregnancy research charity.

The 32-year-old is running in support of Tommy's, which provided support to him and his wife after the couple suffered seven miscarriages. Mark's 90th and final race is due to be the MBNA Chester Marathon on Sunday, October 4.

He hopes to raise £90,000 from the challenge, which will be used to provide support for parents who suffer from miscarriage, stillbirth or premature birth and fund crucial research.

By day, Mark works as a window cleaner and is managing to keep up the daily grind in between the marathon running.

"I'm running ultra marathons, which is anything above 26.2 miles, so it's tough doing that early in the morning and then getting ready for work, but I've still got bills to pay," he said.

To support Mark, visit www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/9090 or his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/90-marathons-in-90-days



Mark Vaz

FOCUS ON PENKRIDGE

£5.4m college academy is set to create 445 jobs

A £5.4 MILLION agricultural engineering academy is to open at South Staffordshire College, creating 445 jobs.

The former Granary buildings at the college's Robbaston campus, near Penkridge, will be transformed and extended to provide space for an extra 1,000 students at the academy.

By Marion Brennan

advanced manufacturing and precision farming training in Staffordshire.

"By providing exceptional learning facilities and practical training that is unavailable anywhere else in Staffordshire, we will be even better positioned to help aspiring rural and engineering entrepreneurs gain the high level skills that employers demand."

He said the announcement was a key milestone in its history, and comes the week after the Prime Minister pledged support for British farmers to boost food productivity and farming exports by more than £7 billion.

In June, the college opened a new £1.4m centre at Robbaston for people with complex learning needs.



An artist's impression depicting how the new South Staffordshire College AgriSTEM Academy will look

Leader's vow on keeping open leisure facilities

A COUNCIL leader has reassured residents there are 'absolutely no plans' to close leisure facilities as part of a review.

South Staffordshire Council is aiming to have its leisure services running on a cost neutral basis by 2019-20.

As part of a 15-year plan, the council has been calling for local organisations to submit proposals outlining how the services can be delivered in the future.

Among the facilities the council sought proposals on are Penkridge Leisure Centre and Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre. The closing date for proposals and quotes was last week.

South Staffordshire Council leader Brian Edwards said: "It's too early to say what sorts of proposals would be considered, but there is absolutely no plan to close facilities."

"The council already charges users, so we will continue to ensure these remain as competitive as possible."

The leisure services under review, which include Codsall Leisure Centre, Wombourne Leisure Centre, and Baggeridge Country Park, cost the council £575,000 to run over the past financial year.

In total, the cost of country parks, leisure centres, and leisure administration was £743,003 for the year.

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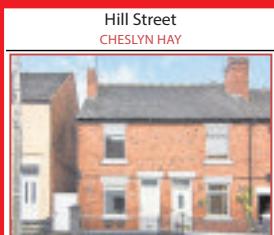
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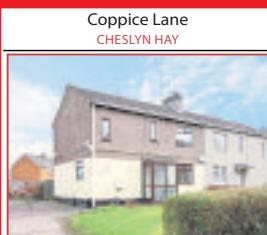
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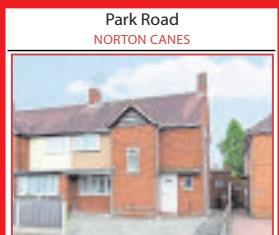
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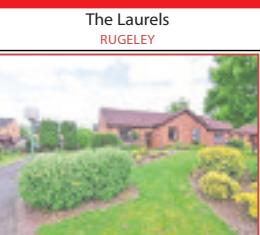
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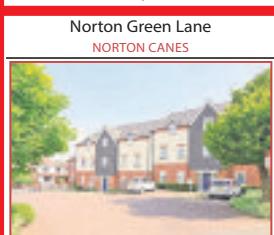
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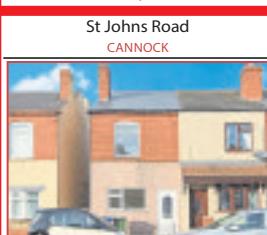
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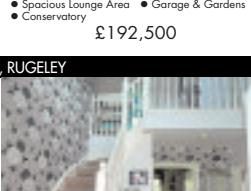
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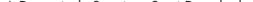
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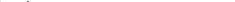
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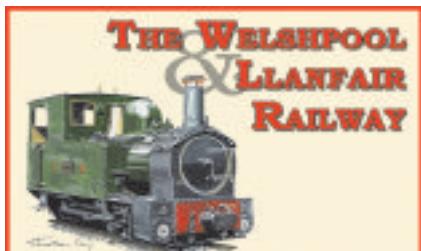
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Supergrass
star on folk
festival bill

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Monkee business at Moseley festival

BACK in the Sixties they were America's answer to The Beatles and now two of the grand-daddies of the manufactured boy band the Monkees will be headlining on the final day of the annual Moseley Folk Festival which runs from Friday September 4 to Sunday 6.

Peter Tork and Mickey Dolenz won't exactly be jumping on the last train but they will be bringing an air of nostalgia to the popular Birmingham event which is marking its 10th anniversary this year.

They are among another impressive line up of folk and acoustic artists who will be keeping the crowds entertained over the three days.

The line up includes former Supergrass lead singer Gaz Coombes who has taken up a solo career, Spiritualized - who are a rock band from Warwickshire - known for its constantly changing line up behind lead member Jason Pierce, Scottish Indie rock band Idlewild, award-winning sisters The Unthanks and Texan choir The Polyphonic Spree, who bring their unique brand of music based around a variety of vocal techniques.

There is a real treat for veteran folkies as well as legends Martin Carthy and Dave Swarbrick, two of the most respected musicians on the scene, join the Sunday shows.

Other musicians who have been making a big impression on the scene and will be bringing something



Mickey Dolenz and Peter Tork of The Monkees will headline on Sunday

for everyone include John Smith, Du Blonde, Anna Calvi, Stick In The Wheel, Josienne Clarke & Ben Walker, The Cadbury Sisters and Dawes.

The festival also runs many workshops based around music and traditional culture, the sessions cover

activities such as music for dancing, playing bones, harmony singing, storytelling, ukulele and guitar workshops and barn dancing.

There are a wide range of party, individual and day ticket prices so for more information visit www.moseley-folk.co.uk.

All talk from comic Carr



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Kielty going back to comedy roots

IRISH funnyman Patrick Kielty is going back to his stand-up roots - and will take in Birmingham during his latest tour.

The Northern Irish comic, husband of West Bromwich-born TV presenter Cat Deeley, will take to the road during his autumn for his new show, Help.

Presenting material performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, he will, with a little bit of guidance from the audience, attempt to rewrite the modern rule book for love, life and happiness.

Fans in the second city can catch the show at the Glee Club, Hurst Street, on Sunday, October 25.

Tickets are £16.

TOWIE star takes to the catwalk

TOWIE star turned TV presenter Mark Wright is fashioning a new career as a catwalk host.

The former I'm a Celebrity... contestant has announced his appearance at Style Birmingham Live next month.

He will host all eight catwalk shows at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery's Gas Hall on Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27.

The shows will display the latest autumn/winter styles and high street collections and will feature style advice by experts.

Mark said: "I am a big fan of Birmingham."

Tickets include show entry, a drink and goody bag.

Huxley's classic gets a new run

LAND Girls actress Sophie Ward will star in a new stage adaptation of Aldous Huxley's Brave New World at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton.

First published in 1932, Brave New World is considered to be one of the finest dystopian novels of the 20th century. It is set 600 years into the future when human life has been almost entirely industrialised.

The latest production, written by award-winning playwright Dawn King, shows at the Lichfield Street theatre from November 3 to 7.

Ward also appeared as Elizabeth Hardy in the Young Sherlock Holmes.

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The interior of the Oddfellows restaurant in Compton, Wolverhampton



Cheesy nachos were little man's preferred starter



A selection of the food including bourbon and apple chicken, and Cajun salmon mains



Shabby chic – The Oddfellows is worth the trip

Place to be for great pub grub

NOTHING stands still for long these days. Even pubs, seen by many as part of the very fabric of traditional British culture, have seen a huge shift in their role in our lives.

The local boozer with its red flock stools, sticky bar mats, cheese and onion crisps and a low-hanging smog of exhaled smoke, are a thing of the past.

Many of those which have survived have moved towards becoming increasingly family-friendly places and have gone down the route of offering the peckish customer more than just a ham sandwich or a packet of scratchings. And one pub I've watched move with times is The Oddfellows at Compton.

Outside, the imposing building looks quite different with a subdued grey-green paint job giving it a more shabby-chic look, which some of my girlfriends had previously commented they weren't sure of, whilst my teenage daughter said she thought it looked great. So I'll take it from that that it's an improvement. As we walked up the steps

By Sarah Moran

and under the distinctive canopy which runs round much of the outside of the pub, a chalkboard declares that Mark and his team welcomed us. And both times, when I came in to book and then when we came to dine we were greeted within less than a minute.

And the efficient service continued as Amy, our waitress, arrived with a smile and the offer of a drink just as we had settled into our seats.

The pub has pretty much retained the same layout as before although the bar now has an added section containing the new rotisserie. The décor too has been given a facelift. Last time we were here there was a build-a-burger option which my son remembered fondly, not least because it gave him the chance to add his favourite food, bacon. This time we decided to share a classic combo, with its onion rings, breaded mushrooms, garlic bread, spicy wedge barbecue sauce and soured cream, while the little man, who recently has lost his own appetite and found a horse's, claimed a starter

of his own and went for the cheese nachos. These came with salsa, guacamole soured cream and, of course, cheese. The sliced red chillis on top proved a bit too much for him so, dad with stepped in to ensure nothing went to waste.

We devoured our own combo which handily came in portions easily divisible by three and proved just the right amount to set us up for our mains.

We'd been quite torn about what to choose as the menu ranges from the classics, or Oddfellows Regulars.

The little man remained true to form and went for one of the gourmet burgers, namely the Yee-ha! Burger, a spicy combination of pulled pork and beef chilli with Monterrey Jack cheese.

There's an option to add bits and bobs including bacon and French brie but the he decided against this, which turned out to be a good decision as his portion, served with skins-on chips, coleslaw and onion rings almost proved too much. But dad again stepped up to the plate.

I decided to go for something a little lighter and had the succulent Cajun Salmon which had a nice kick of spice and

came with buttery new potatoes and salad. My husband decided to give the rotisserie a try and had the Bourbon Apple Chicken. The half chicken portion came smothered in a moreish sticky chilli barbecue sauce, served up with buttered corn and coleslaw and fries.

Our daughter also sampled what the rotisserie had to offer with the Two Way Chicken Burger with a tasty Thai sweet chilli marinade option, again served with fries, slaw and onion rings. And like the rest of us, she happily cleared her plate.

But we weren't done for yet and plumped for puddings. Again I opted for a slightly lighter selection with a zingy Sicilian lemon tart, although I must admit I was coveting the little man's melt-in-the-middle chocolate pudding, which tasted as yummy as it looked. And I also tried a corner of the husband's ginger cheesecake which was a really lovely thing.

And so was our meal. Well cooked food in friendly surroundings and a menu which offers plenty of choice. Judging on how busy it always seems to be The Oddfellows is certainly hitting the mark.

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The X Factor
(ITV, 8pm)

New series. The talent show returns for its 12th series with Radio One DJ Nick Grimshaw and singer-songwriter Rita Ora joining Simon Cowell and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini on the judging panel. New presenting duo Caroline Flack and Olly Murs host as the search for a potential music star with an amazing voice and that extra special something begins. Tonight's edition will see the start of the auditions, as hopefuls perform in front of the judges and an arena audience of thousands in the hope of securing a place at Boot Camp.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00 Saturday Kitchen** Best Bites. **11.30 Football Focus.** **12.00 BBC News:** Weather. **12.10 Live Athletics:** World Championships. Further coverage of day eight at the Bird's Nest Stadium, including the men's 4x100m relay challenge Cup Pugby League. Hull Kingston Rovers v Leeds Rhinos (kick-off, 3.15pm). **2.55 Film:** Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit. (2005) Oscar-winning animated adventure, with the voice of Peter Sallis. **6.45 BBC News.** **6.55 Regional Programme.** **7.00 Pointless Celebrities.** New series. Alexander Armstrong presents the general knowledge quiz as famous faces from the BBC radio programme Take That Match of the Day take part, featuring Graeme Swann and Alison Mitchell, Michael Vaughan and Phil Tufnell, Melinda Farrell and Jonathan Agnew, and Ebony Rainford-Brent and Henry Blofeld. The famous faces try to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public. Co-presenter Richard Osman has all the answers. **7.05 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion.** A UK family and their long-lost overseas relatives must work together in order to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion in a five-star location. The overseas family must answer questions to win time for their relatives in the UK studio, who will then individually answer questions against the clock. Nick Knowles hosts. Includes the All-Important weekend draw. **8.45 Casualty.** Part one of two. More than one member of the hospital staff fights for their life after Zoe and Max's wedding reception, while gang violence takes a deadly turn in the department. **9.35 Mr Brown's Boys.** Agnes fears her family is planning to send her to a nursing home, when in fact it is Spartacus the dog who is set to be sent away. (R) **10.05 BBC News:** Weather. **10.25 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Newcastle United v Arsenal and Chelsea v Crystal Palace; National Lottery Update. **11.55 Weather for the Week Ahead.** **12.00 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 Film: The Westerner. (1940) **7.35 Film:** Big Jim McLain. (1952) **9.00 More Creatures Great and Small.** **9.30 More Creatures Great and Small.** **10.00 The Women's Football Show.** (R) **10.30 Live Athletics:** World Championships. **12.10 Great British Men.** (R) **12.40 Great British Menu.** (R) **1.10 Great British Menu.** (R) **1.40 Musicals:** Talking Pictures. **2.25 Film:** That's Entertainment! (1974) **4.30 Final Score.** **5.30 Gardeners' World.** (R) **6.00 Athletics: World Championships Highlights.** Gabby Logan presents action from day eight at the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing, including the men's 5,000m and men's and women's 4x100m relays. **7.00 Proms Extra 2015.** Katie Derham looks at the musical highs from the past week in the Royal Albert Hall, and focuses on Bach, Nielsen and Big Band Swing. **7.40 Edwardian Farm.** The team tries to harvest the oat crop but work is disrupted by rain. When they finally manage to bring in the crop, the town celebrates with a fete. Last in the series. (R) **8.40 Dad's Army:** Wilson is put in charge of the platoon when HQ discover that Mainwaring is not a commissioned officer and must join the ranks as a private. (R) **9.10 Sue Perkins: Big Night Out.** Sue hosts a special programme rounding up highlights from this year's Edinburgh festivals, with guests Phil Jupitus, Nina Conti, Katherine Ryan, Adam Hills and rock supergroup FFS. **10.10 Comedy Connections.** The story behind The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin, charting the adaptation of David Nobbs's darkly comic books into an unexpected sitcom success. (R) **10.40 The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin.** The first episode of the classic 1970s comedy, starring Leonard Rossiter as a middle-aged executive stuck in a rut and eager to learn the real meaning of life. Repeated to mark the recent death of writer David Nobbs. (R) **11.10 Jack Dee - So What?** A 2013 performance at London's Hammersmith Apollo by the deadpan comedian in which he tackles life's petty annoyances and everyday frustrations. (R) **12.15 Live Athletics: World Championships.** **3.15 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25 Pat & Stan.** **6.35 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.45 Dino Dan.** (R) **7.00 Cannibals.** (R) **7.05 Cannibals.** (R) **7.15 Sooty.** (R) **7.30 Super 4.** (R) **7.45 Fish Hooks.** **8.00 News:** **8.20 World Cup.** **9.25 Murder: She Wrote.** (R) **10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **12.25 ITV News:** Weather. **12.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **1.35 Tipping Point.** (R) **2.35 You've Been Framed!** (R) **3.05 The Chase.** (R) **4.05 Film:** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. (1971) Musical fantasy, with Gene Wilder. **6.00 Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.15 ITV News:** Weather. **6.30 You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps caused by viewers. (R) **7.00 Keep It in the Family.** Six Coronation Street stars face the drop and bell ringing act from Canada as families from Sunderland and Bradford compete. Fun game show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. **8.00 The X Factor.** New series. The talent show returns for its 12th series with Radio One DJ Nick Grimshaw and singer-songwriter Rita Ora joining Simon Cowell and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini on the judging panel. New presenting duo Caroline Flack and Olly Murs host as the search for a potential music star with an amazing voice and that extra special something begins. Tonight's edition will see the start of the auditions, as hopefuls perform in front of the judges and an arena audience of thousands in the hope of securing a place at Boot Camp. Continues on ITV1 tomorrow at 8pm. **9.30 Through the Keyhole.** New series. Keith Lemon visits mystery celebrity homes and challenges this week's panel – Gino D'Acampo, Sue Cleaver and Johnny Vegas – to guess the identities of the famous owners. **10.30 ITV News:** Weather. **10.45 Film:** The Bourne Ultimatum. (2007) The amnesiac assassin regains his memory, just as a CIA director sets in motion a plan to kill him. Spy thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon, Julia Stiles and David Strathairn. **12.45 Jackpot247.** **3.00 Show Me the Telly.** (R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **7.00 Long Course Weekend.** **8.00 The Morning Line.** **9.00 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Frasier.** (R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **10.15 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.30 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.30 The Simpsons.** (R) **1.00 Rude(ish) Tube.** **1.30 Channel 4 Racing:** Live coverage from Goodwood, Beverley and Newmarket. **4.10 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **4.40 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.10 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.40 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **6.10 Come Dine with Me.** It is the final evening in Milton Keynes and the turn of competitive salesmen Simon to host. He plans for an evening of fine dining, but had not expected sabotage from his guests. (R) **6.35 Channel 4 News.** **7.00 Great Canal Journeys.** Veteran actors Timothy West and Prunella Scales head to Llangollen, Denbighshire, where they spent their honeymoon. Reminiscing over how their relationship has survived and thrived over the past 50 years, they take in the picturesque sights of the Vale of Llangollen and the Montgomery Canal, before travelling on a horse-drawn barge up the Horseshoe Falls. **8.00 Walking Through History.** Tony Robinson goes on a four-day trek through the Kintail region of the Highlands, examining the story of the early 1700s Jacobite uprisings. **9.00 Film: Side Effects.** (2013) Premieres. Psychiatric drugs prescribed as experimental new drug to a patient suffering from depression, which seems to miraculously resolve her psychological problems. However, it also results in sleepwalking and disturbing personality changes, with consequences that could destroy the doctor's life. Thriller, starring Jude Law. **11.10 Film: Unknown.** (2011) A doctor wakes up from a coma to find another man is claiming to be him, and any evidence of his real identity has disappeared. Thriller, starring Liam Neeson. **1.20 Film: Stranger by the Lake.** (2013) **3.10 Hollyoaks.** (R) **5.25 1001 Things You Should Know.** (R) **5.50 How I Met Your Mother.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants.** **10.35 Access.** **10.50 Cowboy Builders.** (R) **11.50 Film:** When Hell Broke Loose. (1958) **1.25 Film:** Patton. (1970) Second World War biopic, Starring George C. Scott. **4.45 Film:** Operation Daybreak. (1975) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Timothy Bottoms and Martin Shaw. **7.00 5 News Weekend.** **7.05 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** The neighbourhood focuses on two disputes that developed from complaints about noise-making to become far more serious quarrels, one of which took a tragic, life-changing turn. (R) **8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Paul Bohill and Ben Pinner are called in to evict squatters from a residential property, and it soon becomes clear that things are not quite what they seem. Brian O'Shaughnessy and Graham Alfred arrive at a restaurant in north London to collect unpaid rent, but the situation becomes heated and the debtors make accusations to the police that could ruin the High Court enforcement agents' careers. (R) **9.00 Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches, as well as all the goals from the Championship, League One and League Two, including Derby County v Leeds United, Shrewsbury Town v Birmingham City, Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest v Cardiff City. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and managers. **10.30 Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of the famous residents, past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to their housemates' quirks and foibles while also coping with the day-to-day complications of life inside the house. **11.10 Tattoo Disasters UK.** People who regret their tattoos share the stories behind them, including a woman who was desperate to erase a former partner's name from her wrist. (R) **12.00 Super Casino.** **3.10 Celebrity Big Brother.** (R) **4.00 Transporter: The Series.** **4.50 Make It Big.** (R) **5.45 Angels of Jarm.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00 Don't Tell the Bride.** **8.00 Top Gear India Special.** **9.30 Film:** Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time. (2010) **11.20 Family Guy.** **1.40 Top Coppers.** **2.10 Fried 2.40 Russell Howard's Good News.** **3.10 Impractical Jokers.** **3.40 Sunny D.** **4.00 Close.** **BBC Four** **7.00 Giant Otters of the Amazon: Natural World.** **8.00 Sicily Unpacked.** **9.00 The Young Montalbano.** **10.40 Metallica @ Reading 2015.** **12.10 Heavy Metal Britannia.** **1.40 Classic Albums.** **2.35 Giant Otters of the Amazon: Natural World.** **3.35 Close ITV2** **12.00 The X Factor:** Nick & Rita's Top 10. **1.05 Film:** Kangaroo Jack. (2003) **2.50 Film:** Homework Bound II: Lost in San Francisco. (1996) **4.40 A Night in with Olly Murs.** **5.45 The X Factor: Your Top Ten.** **6.45 Film:** Hulk. (2003) **8.30 The X Factor: Camp.** **10.25 Film:** American Pie Presents: Band Camp. (2005) **12.25 Film:** Blue Eyes. (1999) **2.30 Rioton: The Hot Desk.** **2.40 Teleshopping.** **5.40 ITV2 Nightscreen.** **ITV3** **12.05 Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles.** **2.45 My Life.** **3.25 A Touch of Frost.** **5.25 Film:** The Queen. **7.00 Doctor Marten.** (1976) **7.00 Doc Martin.** **8.00 Lewis 10.00 Agatha Christie's Marple.** **12.00 Wire in the Blood.** **1.30 On the Buses.** **1.55 Movies Now.** **2.05 ITV3 Nightscreen.** **2.30 Teleshopping.** **ITV4** **11.45 Storage Wars.** **12.40 Cycling.** **1.45 British Superbike Championship Highlights.** **2.45 Live International Rugby Union.** **5.00 British Touring Car Championship Highlights.** **6.30 Storage Wars.** **7.00 Cycling.** **8.00 World Series of Darts:** Auckland. **11.30 Film:** National Lampoon's Vacation. (1983) **1.35 Cycling.** **2.30 Movies Now.** **2.40 ITV4 Nightscreen.** **3.00 Teleshopping.** **E4** **11.00 Baby Daddy.** **12.00 Made in Chelsea.** **LA 1.00 Meijesa & Joey.** **2.00 The Goldbergs.** **3.00 How I Met Your Mother.** **4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine.** **4.30 The Big Bang Theory.** **5.00 The Big Bang Theory.** **6.00 Film:** Bad Teacher. (2011) **10.50 Rude Tube.** **11.55 Bad Robots.** **12.25 Googlebox.** **2.30 How I Met Your Mother.** **3.15 The Cleveland Show.** **4.00 Rules of Engagement.** **4.50 Revenge Film4** **11.00 Treasure Island.** (1972) **1.00 Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World.** (2011) **2.40 The Addams Family.** (1991) **4.40 Rio.** (2011) **5.40 Pride and Prejudice.** (2005) **9.00 I, Robot.** (2004) **11.15 Maniac.** (2012) **1.00 Troll Hunter.** (2010) **3.15 Close.**

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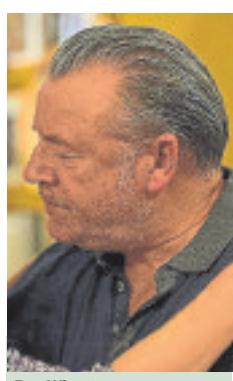
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Ray Winstone

The Trials of Jimmy Rose

Casting Ray Winstone in a TV drama is always a good move – but recruiting his Sexy Beast co-star Amanda Redman to play his estranged wife makes the new three-parter *The Trials of Jimmy Rose* unmissable. It follows the eponymous Jimmy (Winstone), an armed robber who has just been released following a 12-year prison sentence. He's looking forward to being reunited with his family, but they have much more mixed feelings about having him home, with wife Jackie (Redman) admitting she's not sure she still loves him. However, the biggest shock comes when he discovers that his granddaughter Ellie is now a drug addict. Can Jimmy's quest to find her and get her clean provide a route back into his family?

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Wanted Down Under Revisited. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Home and Garden. (R) **2.15** Plog It! (R) **2.55** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.55** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.55** Songs of Praise – Gospel Choir of the Year. **5.35** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programmes.

6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits a farm in Buckinghamshire at harvest time, where old-fashioned methods are used to bring in prehistoric varieties of wheat. Ellie Harrison reports from the harvest at a government-licensed crop of opium poppies and a scheme to preserve the harvest mouse. Adam Henson prepares for harvest time on his own farm, and John Craven is joined by Bill Bailey and Naomi Wilkinson to choose the 12 finalists for this year's photographic competition. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.00 Big Blue Live. Steve Backshall tries to spot blue whales from the sky, while Liz Bonnin joins scientists tagging the animals. Plus, a baby sea otter with a vital role to play. Last in the series.

8.00 Casualty. Part two of two. The team rallies around to save Charlie following his heart attack, but with gang violence threatening to engulf the hospital, tensions are running high.

9.00 Partners in Crime. Part three of three. Tuppence comes to the rescue when Tommy is captured by the mysterious "N", and the race is on to find the key that operates the stolen bomb. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Southampton v Norwich City and Swansea City v Manchester United.

11.30 Film: *In the Valley of Elah.* (2007) The father of a missing soldier suspects the army is covering up the reasons behind his son's disappearance. Drama, starring Tommy Lee Jones.

1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **6.30** Countryfile. **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.00** Great British Menu. (R) **10.30** Great British Menu. (R) **11.00** Home and Garden. (R)

6.00 World's Busiest Railway 2015. Dan Snow, Anita Rani, Robert Llewellyn and John Sergeant go behind the scenes at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus to learn what it takes to run the station. (R)

7.00 Athletics: World Championships Highlights. Gabby Logan presents action from the ninth and final day at the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing, as medals were handed out in the final seven disciplines.

8.00 Dragons' Den. A former banker seeks funding to renovate a London underground station, a man cycles into the studio to promote his business, and a farmer has plans to launch a range of drinks.

9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week. New series. Andrew Flintoff presents a show in which contestants go through the training regimes of elite military forces from around the world, beginning with America's Navy SEALs.

10.00 Odyssey. A shaman forces Odelle to confront the ghosts of her recent past. Peter reaches his lowest ebb, and Ruby and Harrison leave for a romantic getaway.

10.40 Family Guy. Meg is thrilled to be recruited as a model – but not everything is as it seems with the job. Meanwhile, Brian accompanies Stewie on a road trip adventure.

11.05 Family Guy. Peter becomes an intelligent, classy person.

11.25 Family Guy. Chris dates Jerome's daughter Pam.

11.45 Film: *Black Sheep.* (2006) A farmer performs genetic experiments on his flock of sheep, giving the animals an insatiable appetite for human flesh. Comedy horror, starring Nathan Meister.

1.10 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.05** Holby City. (R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Cannimals. (R) **7.05** Cannimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** Fish Hooks. **8.00** Young Justice: Invasion. **8.25** CITV News. **8.30** Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Return of the Movie Picture Show of the Year 2015. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.25** Jelly Jamm. (R) **3.45** LazyTown. (R) **9.05** Dora and Friends. (R) **9.30** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.05** Foottball League Tonight. (R) **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.25** Film: *Cutthroat Island.* (1995)

7.00 The Great Wall of China: The Hidden Story. Secret History. With access to the first nationwide survey and state-of-the-art drones mapping the Great Wall of China, this documentary offers new evidence that reveals its extraordinary magnitude, rewrites its millennia-long history and decodes its complex signal system. (R)

8.00 Time Crashers. Tony Robinson gives celebrity time travellers Kirstie Alley, Fergie Britton, Louise Minchin, Zoe Smith, Meg Mathews, Keith Allen, Greg Rutherford, Charlie Condou, Jermaine Jenas and Chris Ramsey a taste of life in 1468. They are split into two teams and assigned to work as squires for two knights preparing to face each other in a jousting tournament. They must take on an assortment of tasks, including jousting and more, preparing horses and taking their master's urine to be checked for diseases in a physician's tent.

9.00 The Trials of Jimmy Rose. New series. Drama, starring Ray Winstone as a former armed robber trying to get his life in order and reconnect with his family after being released from prison.

10.00 ITV News: Weather.

10.20 56 Up. Documentary exploring the lives of people first filmed in 1964, when they were seven years old, revealing how their views have changed with the passage of time. Last in the series. (R)

11.25 Premiership Rugby 7s. Action from finals night at The Stoop.

12.20 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** The Grid. **7.10** British GT. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Survival. **10.00** Space: Stories of the Year 2015. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.25** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** A Place in the Sun: Homer or Away. **6.30** Channel 4 News.

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10.00 ITV4 Moments that Rocked the 80s. Cherie Lunghi presents a countdown of memorable moments, including royal weddings, political scandals, sporting triumphs and the rise to fame of iconic entertainers.

11.25 Film: *One Day.* (2011) The 20-year friendship between two university graduates is explored through the anniversaries of their first meeting. Romantic drama, starring Anne Hathaway.

1.25 Film: *Tom at the Farm.* (2013) **3.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.30** 1001 Things You Should Know. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Pip Ahoy! **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.40** Chloe's Closet. (R) **6.55** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.00** Post Patrol. **7.20** Little Prince. (R) **7.35** Wall and Ball. (R) **7.45** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **8.35** LazyTown. (R) **9.05** Dora and Friends. (R) **9.30** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.05** Football League Tonight. (R) **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.25** Film: *Cutthroat Island.* (1995)

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8.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones. After officers foil a robbery at a jewellers, the ensuing car chase ends with a helicopter following the suspects through pitch black countryside, while a tracker on a stolen car leads to an Aladdin's cave of a warehouse. Plus, everything stops on a drugs raid when a courier turns up with a mystery package, and a leaky Lamborghini is not what it first seems. Vinnie Jones presents. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the house as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Don't Tell the Bride. **8.00** Top Gear. **9.00** Film: *Deep Impact* (1998) **10.55** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.25** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **12.50** Family Guy **1.10** Fried. **1.40** top coppers **2.10** Secrets of China **3.10** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **3.35** Great Movie Mistakes **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 BBC Proms Sunday Symphony. **8.00** Horizon: Playing God? Rich Hall's You Can Go to Hell, I'm Going to Texas **10.30** The Liberties @ Reading 2012 **12.00** Film: *Wallander: The White Lineness* (1996) **1.40** Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies **2.40** Sean Connery: In His Own Words **3.40** Close

ITV3

12.25 X Factor: Your Top Ten. **1.30** Film: *Small Soldiers* (1998) **3.40** You've Been Framed! **4.10** The Face of Death **5.15** The Xtra Factor **6.30** Film: *Dante's Peak* (1997) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Film: *Rush Hour* (1998) **12.05** SafeWord **12.50** *Fake Reaction* **1.30** Totally Bonkers **Guinness World Records 1.55** *life's Funnest Moments* **2.15** *Teleshopping* **5.45** *ITV2 Nightscreen*

ITV4

12.25 The X Factor: Your Top Ten. **1.30** Film: *Small Soldiers* (1998) **3.40** You've Been Framed! **4.10** The Face of Death **5.15** The Xtra Factor **6.30** Film: *Dante's Peak* (1997) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Film: *Rush Hour* (1998) **12.05** *SafeWord* **12.50** *Fake Reaction* **1.30** *Totally Bonkers* **Guinness World Records 1.55** *life's Funnest Moments* **2.15** *Teleshopping* **5.45**

E4

12.35 Agatha Christie's Marple. **4.40** *A Touch of Frost* **6.40** Inspector Morse **9.00** *The Mighty Mississippi* with Trevor McDonald **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** Northern Lights **11.30** *Film: The Human Stain* (2003) **1.35** *Blue Murder* **2.50** *ITV3 Nightscreen* **3.15** *Emmerdale*

Film4

11.00 Hogan's Heroes. **1.55** *Cycling* **12.55** *Storage Wars: New York* **1.50** *Storage Wars* **2.20** Film: *Destry* (1939) **4.15** *Film: Gunsmoke* (1953) **6.00** *BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights* **7.00** *Cycling* **8.00** *Premiership Rugby 7s Series* **9.00** *World Series of Darts: Auckland* **12.30** *Hogan's Heroes* **1.05** *Cycling* **2.00** *Hell on Wheels* **2.40** *ITV4 Nightscreen* **3.00** *Teleshopping*

11.00 Anastasia. (1997) **1.00** *Hairspray* (2002) **3.15** *Dr Seuss' The Lorax* (2012) **4.55** *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* (2012) **6.45** *The Eagle* (2011) **9.00** *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* (2011) **11.05** *Hellboy* (2004) **1.40** *Dead of Night* (1972)



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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Profile for Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A criminal profiler retires to live in California with her family and move on from the horrific crime that ended her career. Her idyllic life is shattered when she discovers the serial killer responsible has escaped from prison and is intent on terrorising her. Thriller, starring Nicki Aycox and Steve Bacic. (2013)

TUESDAY

Deadly Suspicion, Channel 5, 3.20pm

The estranged members of the Danville family are reunited when their patriarch, a prominent politician, is murdered. However, one of them is missing - an unstable daughter who was abandoned in a mental institution years before. When news reaches them that she escaped on the night of the killing, they realise she could be the culprit - and they could be next. Thriller, starring Marilu Henner. (2008)



Gone Baby Gone, Friday, BBC1, 11.35pm

WEDNESDAY

Obsessed, BBC1, 11.35pm

An executive with a successful job and a happy family life finds his world crumbling around him when a temporary worker is assigned to his office. The new arrival becomes fixated on him, going to desperate lengths to seduce him. Thriller, starring Idris Elba, Beyoncé Knowles and Ali Larter. (2009)

THURSDAY

Deadly Daycare, Channel 5, 3.20pm

A divorcee suspects a daycare centre of mistreating her young daughter. When the girl's increasingly awkward behaviour arouses suspicion, the mother plants a hidden camera on the premises. Thriller, with Kayla Ewell. (2014)

FRIDAY

Gone Baby Gone, BBC1, 11.35pm

A tough Boston neighbourhood becomes the centre of a media circus when a four-year-old girl goes missing. A private detective is reluctantly drawn into the case when the child's aunt hires him to find her, and while investigating around the area where he grew up, he uncovers secrets and deceit surrounding the disappearance. Drama, with Casey Affleck. (2007)

Katie and guests hit all the right notes

Apparently, just as a performance is about to begin, acclaimed British double bassist Chi-Chi Nwanoku feels as if she's taking her marks at the starting blocks on an athletics track.

Then, when the conductor's baton comes down, Nwanoku is straight out of the blocks, working towards the finishing line.

Actually, this admission from the London-based musician of Nigerian and Irish descent isn't that surprising, because from the age of eight, Chi-Chi was destined for an international career as a 100-metre sprinter.

At 16, she narrowly missed qualifying for the 1972 Munich Olympics, and two years later was on track for the next Games in Montreal.

Then disaster struck - a knee injury meant that she could never again compete at a national level. Devastated, she returned to school, and thankfully discovered that fate had something positive in store for her - music.

Nowadays, Nwanoku is established as principal bass with the Orchestra of

the Age of Enlightenment, as well as being a chamber-music performer and professor of double-bass studies at London's Trinity College of Music.

She is also the host of a weekly requests programme on BBC Radio 3 and was a jury member of BBC2's Classical Star.

Tonight, she joins Katie Derham for this week's jam-packed edition of weekly magazine show Proms Extra.

The pair will be joined by baritone Roderick Williams, who may be feeling a little sleepy after performing Bach's much-loved Magnificat, Mass in G minor and Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 alongside the BBC Singers and the Academy of Ancient Music during last night's Late Night Prom at the Royal Albert Hall.

Williams will also be looking forward to his next Proms appearance on September 11 when he is taking to the stage alongside conductor Sir Simon Rattle and the Vienna Philharmonic singing part of Elgar's intoxicating The Dream of Gerontius.

Among the other Proms highlights up for discussion tonight are Bach's solo violin works, which were performed so memorably by violinist Alina Ibragimova at the end of July.

Katie, Chi-Chi and Roderick also look back on the National Youth Orchestra's annual visit to the Proms a fortnight ago where they focused on Mahler's bitterly beautiful Ninth Symphony.

Their concert also opened with the world premiere of Tansy Davies' Re-greening, a celebration of spring written specially as a complement to Mahler's aforementioned work.

Finally, there is footage and discussion of Daniel Barenboim's West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, who performed at the Albert Hall on Tuesday in a concert that was broadcast last night on BBC4.

Barenboim took to the piano to play a trio of challenging pieces - Beethoven's Triple Concerto, Schoenberg's Chamber Symphony and Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony.

And if all that wasn't enough, David Owen Norris once again gets 'Inside the Score' - delving deeper into the some of the music heard at the 121st season of the Proms.

MONDAY

Travel Guides
ITV, 9pm

The tourists stay closer to home as they sample what the Lake District has to offer. The Boyles from Dorset are amazed by the jaw-dropping scenery, but soon question if a small caravan is enough to accommodate their lively brood of kids, while a trip to Keswick pencil museum does nothing to convince Honor Chapman-Blackwell and her boyfriend Jonjo of the area's charms. Simon and Jayne Blearley face a battle persuading son Ben of the pleasures of hiking up a hill, while a trip to a local climbing centre nearly spells disaster for model Riah. Last in the series.

Muslim Drag Queens
Channel 4, 10pm

Ian McKellen narrates this First Cut documentary providing unprecedented insight into the UK's clandestine gay Asian community, which provides a vital lifeline and haven for young men who are unable to publicly reconcile their sexuality with their cultural identity and traditions. The film focuses on the stories of three of the 100 to 150 Muslim drag queens who face the seemingly insurmountable challenge of gaining acceptance and tolerance within their own communities.

TUESDAY

New Tricks
BBC1, 9pm

Ted leads an investigation into the apparent suicide of a city trader who was embroiled in the cut-throat world of London's financial district in the 1980s. As the team delve deeper into the macho fraternity of 'The Wolfpack', they find a darker side to the debauchery, secret hand signals and all-nighters that bonded the traders together - including a strict hierarchy that might be worth killing for. Meanwhile, Steve tries to learn some tricks of the trade, amid his own financial crisis.

WEDNESDAY

Witnesses
Channel 4, 10pm

Kaz Gorbier is now in police custody, seemingly removing the immediate threat, but the mystery of who has been placing the exhumed bodies in various show-homes remains unsolved. Paul and Sandra push their abilities to the limit as they work to achieve closure, and as their investigation draws closer to its conclusion, dark secrets from Le Tréport's

past begin to resurface - with devastating consequences.

THURSDAY

Stephen Fry's Central America

ITV, 9pm

It's seven years since Stephen Fry embarked on an epic trip to all 50 states for the BBC. Frankly, it was a bit of a rushed job, with some destinations appearing for just a few moments each. Hopefully, this tour will be a little more in-depth. This time, as the title has already revealed to you, he is sampling the delights available south of the border, beginning with a trip to Mexico. Stephen starts on the Sante Bridge, which separates El Paso in Texas from Ciudad Juarez, an important transit point for drug cartels - and a place regarded as one of Mexico's most dangerous cities. En route

New Tricks, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

to Chihuahua, he meets some of the area's cowboys.

FRIDAY

Ripper Street

BBC1, 9pm

Long Susan has convinced the world her solicitor Capshaw shot Reid and was solely responsible for the train crash, and while the inspector remains in a coma Drake and Jackson struggle to cope. Meanwhile, a destructive gang of youths unleashes hell upon the streets by night, murdering a pub landlord. The trail leads detectives into the heartland of one of the city's oldest trades - the London Breweries - where conflicted loyalties reign and grief and anger create a potent concoction.

BBQ Champ

ITV, 9pm

Mylene Klass turns up the heat as the competition reaches its mouth-watering finale, and you have to hand it to her - it must have taken a phenomenal amount of effort to remain so slim while being surrounded by a seemingly endless array of tasty treats. She faces temptation one last time tonight, as the four remaining contestants pull out all the stops in the battle to be crowned BBQ Champ 2015, and take home a cash prize of £25,000.

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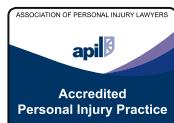
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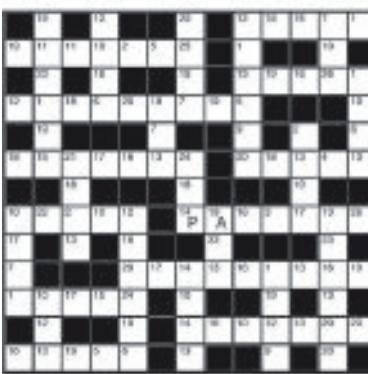
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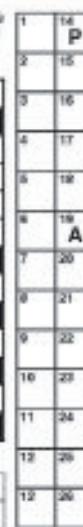
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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| N | Z | C | M | S | E | G | K | D | B | P |
| F | V | R | X | I | O | W | L | J | H | Q |



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

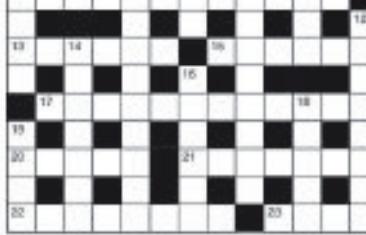
Cryptic Clues:

Across:

- Toothed bar needed for the stoker (4)
- Chim is contained by there, being powerful government group (9)
- 8 & 9 Across Extraordinary impression produced by journalists (7,7)
- Not even ascended least (5)
- Unbiased orientation of the church service? (4,4)
- Minion account the supper left on the ship (5)
- It's in the option or nearby (5)
- Analysing what the lady makes to kind of carpet (7)
- Flow that gives one ball, maybe (5)
- Journeymen (7)
- Fallow shaving for years, being responsible for disease (6)
- 25 & 26 Across Manipulate the mice on the board (4,5)

Down:

- Fragrant plant got up by contrary pull (9)
- See 20 Across
- Finally, the residence near the capital of Tunisia (2,4)
- Where Phoenicians made his name, especially (2,3,4,5)
- See 9 Across
- In books I'd expect some from (4)
- What illustrated relationships prevent? (5,7)
- Principal support for a day under the sea (9)
11. Generalise (12)
- Part of the relationship points another way (5)
- Alternatively, one is seen by the Spanish widow (5)
- Symbol of victory seen on every hand (4)



Quick Clues:

Across:

- Remove (6)
- Spanking (9)
- Unfamiliar (7)
- Agency (5)
- Pass are needed for a day under the sea (9)
- Part of the relationship points another way (5)
- Alternatively, one is seen by the Spanish widow (5)
- Symbol of victory seen on every hand (4)

Down:

- Remoteness (9)
- Forsooth (5)
- Happening (8)
- Hall-round (12)
- Unusually (7)
- Squat (4)
- Cleverness (12)
- Inborn (6)
- Tales (7)
- Gras (7)
- Plague (8)
- Similar (5)
- Horror (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1. 123456789; 2. 123456789; 3. 123456789; 4. 123456789; 5. 123456789; 6. 123456789; 7. 123456789; 8. 123456789; 9. 123456789; 10. 123456789; 11. 123456789; 12. 123456789; 13. 123456789; 14. 123456789; 15. 123456789; 16. 123456789; 17. 123456789; 18. 123456789; 19. 123456789; 20. 123456789; 21. 123456789; 22. 123456789; 23. 123456789; 24. 123456789; 25. 123456789; 26. 123456789; 27. 123456789; 28. 123456789; 29. 123456789; 30. 123456789; 31. 123456789; 32. 123456789; 33. 123456789; 34. 123456789; 35. 123456789; 36. 123456789; 37. 123456789; 38. 123456789; 39. 123456789; 40. 123456789; 41. 123456789; 42. 123456789; 43. 123456789; 44. 123456789; 45. 123456789; 46. 123456789; 47. 123456789; 48. 123456789; 49. 123456789; 50. 123456789; 51. 123456789; 52. 123456789; 53. 123456789; 54. 123456789; 55. 123456789; 56. 123456789; 57. 123456789; 58. 123456789; 59. 123456789; 60. 123456789; 61. 123456789; 62. 123456789; 63. 123456789; 64. 123456789; 65. 123456789; 66. 123456789; 67. 123456789; 68. 123456789; 69. 123456789; 70. 123456789; 71. 123456789; 72. 123456789; 73. 123456789; 74. 123456789; 75. 123456789; 76. 123456789; 77. 123456789; 78. 123456789; 79. 123456789; 80. 123456789; 81. 123456789; 82. 123456789; 83. 123456789; 84. 123456789; 85. 123456789; 86. 123456789; 87. 123456789; 88. 123456789; 89. 123456789; 90. 123456789; 91. 123456789; 92. 123456789; 93. 123456789; 94. 123456789; 95. 123456789; 96. 123456789; 97. 123456789; 98. 123456789; 99. 123456789; 100. 123456789.

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
1. CANTERBURY; 2. DOLPHIN; 3. EQUITY; 4. FOLLY;
5. GINGERBREAD; 6. HAMPTON; 7. HAWK; 8. LADY;
9. LAVENDER; 10. LEAPING; 11. LIBATION; 12. LOAF;
13. MELON; 14. PEGASUS; 15. PINEAPPLE; 16. PLATE;
17. RUMBLE; 18. SNAKE; 19. SPICE; 20. TART; 21. TUNA;
22. VENOM; 23. WINE; 24. ZEPHYRUS.
Across: 6. Festival; 12. Milk reserves; 15. An foot note;
17. High level; 19. Shyly; 21. Plush; 22. Town hall;
23. 1. Coats; 2. Graphic; 3. April; 4. Masses; 5.
Poles; 6. Boners; 11. Planner; 13. Outcast; 15.
Swells; 18. House; 17. Host; 29. Dog; 30. GURK;
32. Jester; 33. Kite; 34. Litter; 35. Mellow; 18. Absent;
19. Blimp; 20. Flare; 21. Headache; 22. Lamp; 19.
Knew; 21. Money; 22. Lover; 23. Drove; 1. Pines; 2.
Goss; 23. Way; 4. Unseen; 5. Melon; 6. Isolate; 11.
Apples; 12. Quirky; 15. Tunes; 16. Voting; 17.
Pine; 28. Peas.

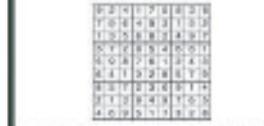
Thinking space



Due to production problems, an incorrect brain gym was published last week.

Solutions to number 337, published in the August 13 edition are as follows:

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Pine; 28. Peas.



Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

2456 gives a flower;
4041 gives another flower;
745985 gives a tree.



Quic: 1. The Red Baron; 2. Singapore;
3. Queen Victoria; 4. Mogwai; 5. J.R. Donleavy;
6. 1934; 7. The Zip Code; 8. Connecticut;
9. 1926; 10. Norway.
Niner: OBSERVANT

Quiz

- In which year did Anthony Eden become prime minister?
- Which famous Australian soprano died in 1937?
- Who was the TUC General Secretary from 1965-69?
- What does the musical term rallentando mean?
- How many chains are in a furlong?
- In classical mythology, who turned Odysseus's men into swine?
- What is the chief island of the Society Islands?
- In which city is the Quai d'Orsay?
- Which engineer built the Suez canal?
- Who wrote Treasure Island?

Last week's solutions:
Quiz: 1. Jolly Roll; 2. Laputa; 3. The
Montagues and Capulets; 4. A military
officer's wide belt; 5. Sachmo; 6. Lion; 7.
Oberammergau; 8. Bismarck; 9. 1851; 10. The
Magic Circle.
Niner: CULMINATE

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The bonnet retains its distinctive, traditional clamshell form, while the trapezoidal nose gets more pronounced ribbing and the auxiliary air vent is now fed via a three-dimensional grille flanked by chrome brightwork to give the New Fiat 500 stronger visual presence.

New 'empty' light clusters, comprising ring-shaped structures define the revised look of the rear, with the fog and reversing lights relocated to the edges of the redesigned bumper trim to improve safety by separating illumination functions.

New alloy wheel designs are also introduced on the New Fiat 500: Pop Star and

Lounge models have 15in alloy wheels as standard (a £320 option on Pop models) with 16in wheels available as a £370 option on Pop models and a £180 upgrade option on Pop Star and Lounge models, including an elegant, new, 16in diamond-cut design.

The colour palette now totals 13 hues, including standard Bossa Nova white and two brand new colours: Glam Coral pastel and Avantgarde Bordeaux metallic. In total, there is a choice of six special pastel shades (a £350 option), five metallic colours (a £460 option) and one tri-coat finish (Urban White at £740) available. Two striking black-yellow and black-red variants are also available as part of the Fiat 500 Second Skin programme which offers a range of customisation options capable of satisfying every creative taste imaginable.

Fashionable

There are two Second Skin options: the first features a fashionable, geometric pattern along the belt line only (£140) and is available on Fiat 500 and Fiat 500C models, while the larger skin options cover the upper half of hardtop models only and cost £780 on Pop and Pop Star versions and £460 on the Lounge. Five patterns are also offered.

The interior of the Fiat 500 also has numerous enhancements, most noticeably in its dashboard design which now integrates the advanced Uconnect infotainment across the range. The unit is not only easier to read and more intuitive to use, it also improves connectivity and functionality with steering wheel-mounted audio controls.

The Lounge version is equipped with the Uconnect 5in radio LIVE system which is a touchscreen unit complete with Bluetooth hands-free calling and music streaming; voice recognition and an SMS reader for reading text messages received on compatible telephones. It is available as a £250 option on



Pop and Pop Star models. DAB digital radio is also available with this unit for an additional £100.

The front seats adopt a more ergonomic shape and the interior upholstery is available in ten colour combinations on Lounge models with contrasting 'crescent' upper portions and head restraints in black or ivory eco-leather. Black, bordeaux or tobacco Frau leather upholstery is also available (depending on model), with embroidered 500 logos on the crescent and contrasting bolster accents.

Further enhancements include a new lidded glove box on the passenger's side and a revised centre console with new cup hold-

ers, relocated USB/AUX-IN ports and a more conveniently positioned 12V power socket. New electric window switches, which adopt a push-down-pull-up operation, complete the visible interior revisions, while additional soundproofing panels in the wheelhouse and firewall making the passenger compartment even more comfortable and refined.

The New Fiat 500 is powered by a range of environment-friendly, Euro 6-compliant engines combined with five- and six-speed manual gearboxes or a Dualogic robotised transmission depending on the model. The engine line-up available at launch includes the 1.2 litre 69hp, the TwinAir 85hp and the TwinAir 105hp.

The New Fiat 500 will be available with three trim levels – Pop, Pop Star and Lounge – and in hatchback and convertible versions.

Standard equipment across the range includes seven airbags; remote central locking; electric front windows; electric mirrors; Uconnect radio with six speakers, AUX-IN and USB ports; steering wheel-mounted audio controls; start & stop; a space-saver spare wheel and LED daytime running lights. A fully-electric convertible roof with heated glass rear screen is standard on all 500C models.

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Audi's A5 cabriolet does all you need

By Graham Breeze

When Carly Simon sang "Nobody Does It Better" she could well have been referring to the Audi A5 Cabriolet.

Her version of Carol Bayer Sagar's famous hit was the theme tune to the 1977 Bond film The Spy Who Loves Me and the secret agent would have looked as at home in this open top as he does in his beloved Aston Martin.

Because nobody does it better in this sector than Audi and the A5 Cabriolet is a class act with looks, style and quality matched by punchy performance levels.

If open-top motoring appeals then you just have to take a look at the A5 before making a final choice.

You can't help but be impressed – despite Audi choosing to stick to a cloth roof for this model.

I could have spent hours simply pressing the button to watch a brilliant piece of engineering technology in action, as the boot opened and closed to allow the soft-top to fold itself up or away in a matter of seconds – even with the car still moving.

It's German engineering at its best and typically Audi.

I am a little surprised that Audi sticks with the soft-top while most other manufacturers have gone down a different route.

It means you can expect wind noise on entry level models but the three litre V6 on test came with extra insulation to keep noise levels down.

Audi has developed a reputation as sector leaders when it comes to the cabin and this model comes with all the high-tech kit you would expect, together with a very comfortable driving position – helped by steering wheel height and rake control at push of a button.

Access

It's also a true four-seater. It may look tight in the back but once you're seated you realise how far back you actually sit and there's easily enough leg room.

Very wide doors help with access – but not with parking. A colleague warned me to expect inconsistent handling but it wasn't something I encountered.

In fact the A5 did all I asked of it with a choice of three settings for suspension and steering.

Any criticism of the ride would be going too far really thanks to Quattro permanent all-wheel-drive with self-locking central diff and ESP.

On test was a 3.0 V6 TDI Quattro S-tronic with an on-the-road price of £44,240 which went up to £47,825 with the fitted extras which included an interior light package, hill-hold assist, a music interface, heated seats all-round, lane assist warning, Audi phone connect and a great Bang & Olufsen sound system to keep Carly bellowing out clearly.

I wouldn't question Audi's claim of a top speed of 155mph and you get 0-62mph in 6.3seconds.

CO₂ levels are acceptable for a car of this level at 154/g/km but the outstanding feature is a claim of 47.9mpg on the combined cycle.

Running costs are also kept down by Audi's LongLife service agreement of 19,000 miles or two years.

Despite the roof folding arrangements there was surprisingly enough room for the golf clubs in the boot and ample space for a set of travel bags for that weekend away.

Every A5 Cabriolet comes with stability control, and front and side airbags that cover the head and chest. If sensors detect the car is about to roll over, metal bars pop up behind the rear seats to protect passengers.

And although the soft-top is obviously less secure than hard-top opposition, deadlocks are fitted as standard.

The A5 Cabriolet oozes class and it was disappointing to see it disappearing off the drive on its journey back to Audi-land.

A subtle makeover for BMW's 3 Series



By Matt Joy

It's that time again, when all the compact premium saloon rivals bring out their new, improved weapons. Ready yourself for the crowd's favourite - the BMW 3 Series.

Listen carefully, because the new bits of the 3 Series may not be obvious. This is a mid-life lift rather than a brand-new car, so from the outside there are resculpted bumpers, new lights – including LED daytime running lights and tail lights – plus new exhaust pipes, depending on your engine. Inside, there's new cabin materials and some new equipment, but under the skin there's some new engines, plus revised suspension and steering, all designed to keep it on top of the dynamic tree.

At first glance, you're unlikely to notice it's a 2015 3 Series that's just barged in front of the traffic queue; this is a very subtle makeover. The front bumper has wider vents underneath, the rearranged headlights are also designed to give the car greater width on the road, and the rear LED lights are certainly smarter. This is still a car that looks best with the right wheel and colour combination, and effectively looks like all the other 3 Series models already on the road – but that's not necessarily a bad thing.

There's no more space in the new 3 Series than there was before, but for a car of this size, it copes with people and their luggage well. Front seat passengers are best catered for, with head and legroom a little more restricted in the rear, although normal-sized adults will be comfortable. One small, if notable improvement, is the new cup holder ahead of the gear lever, which is more substantial than before. The boot remains a useful 480 litres and is easily accessed through a decent aperture.

Although there are several new engines in the range, the only examples available to drive were 340i models, which gets a new 3.0-litre twin turbocharged six-cylinder unit. With 322bhp available, as well as a 332lb/ft of torque, there's no doubt it is absurdly fast; 0-62mph takes 5.1 seconds, which is as quick as an M3 from 10 years ago. Match it with impressive automatic transmission and you get quick shifts when required, and smoothness when you're not in a hurry, it's also more economical.

Responsive

The steering and suspension changes have come about thanks to improved body mountings, allowing stiffer settings for the dampers and springs, without the ride quality suffering. This particular model had adaptive damping and steering too, but it remains a fun and responsive sports saloon to drive, although more humble models may offer better handling.

As part of the changes for 2015, all 3 Series models now get the basic satellite navigation system as well as BMW's emergency on-call service: if you have an accident where the airbags are deployed, the car will automatically call for assistance.

The entry SE model gets 17in alloy wheels, air conditioning, Bluetooth, DAB and cruise control, while this near top-spec 340i comes in M Sport guise only. Some of the options are on the pricey side, but the general equipment level is good value.

The chances of you buying a 3 Series are pretty high. It's featured in the list of top-10 best-sellers in the UK for several years on the spin for a variety of reasons. The BMW badge is one of course, as is its reputation for being a driver's car, which still holds true. It appeals to young, thrusting executives, the young and the old and anyone looking for a little bit of flash in their lives. That it has become ubiquitous, hasn't hurt its chances either, so expect to see a lot more new ones.

This car summed up in a single word: German.

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Enjoyable experience in SEAT's beefed-up tough Leon

By Ian Donaldson

Most of the time in temperate Britain we get away with the worst of winter by driving more slowly and leaving a larger gap to the car in front.

If you're a belts and braces type, you might buy a set of winter tyres; the sort that look pretty normal but grip snow like a long lost friend.

That will probably do, unless you live up a rutted track or simply must get to work whatever the sky throws at you.

Or if you're a rugged outdoor type who looks forward to earning a muddy stripe up the back of a T-shirt on a mountain bike thrash through the forest.

Those individuals may need a car like the new Leon from SEAT, which takes an existing estate and adds a bit of off-road ruggedness that ought to cope with everything this side of an army assault course.

Called the Leon X-PERIENCE, the newcomer arrives in an easily understood three model range, offering the same 2.0 litre diesel engine with two power outputs (150 and 184 horsepower), with the latter attached only to an automatic gearbox.

Prices start at £24,385 for the SE, passing through £26,370 for the better equipped SE Technology with sat nav, DAB radio and full LED headlights and topping out with the £28,870 SE Technology with more powerful engine and 6-speed automatic gearbox.

All of them have suspension that sits the car a little further from the road (or muddy ruts) and a drive system that normally powers only the front wheels but can kick the rears into action in the blink of an eye if slippage is detected.

There are the usual subtle hints to the car's outback potential with plastic mouldings on wheel arches and sill and flashes of pretend alloy panels under the front and rear of the car.

Inside, there are sporty seats in faux suede with orange stitching (nicer than it looks) and door panels unique to the X-PERIENCE.

Surprise

So, it's a subtle makeover, with even the badging keeping its voice down as it lets onlookers know this is the top of the Leon estate car tree.

SEAT reckons two of its main rivals will come from Volvo (V40 Cross Country) and Vauxhall (Insignia Country Tourer) and points out that both cost more than its own offering. Surprise!

What doesn't appear on the list is a car from elsewhere in the Volkswagen Group stable, in the shape of the Skoda Octavia estate.

It uses the same engine as the SEAT but costs less and carries more cargo. To many eyes it appears the plainer machine and looks play a mighty part in any car purchase outside bargain basement territory.

Volkswagen itself offers a rival, but the 4x4 Golf Alltrack is more costly (at £27,050) but offers a bit more space. Not that a potential Golf buyer is likely to consider a Skoda – or a SEAT, perhaps.

There is gentle use of the SEAT's Spanish origin in talk about the car at its press introduction in the very-British Wye forest but it feels like any other product from the VW empire.

And that's a very good thing. It means the SEAT is set out simply to make the business of driving as untroubling as possible in a car that feels solidly made and ready for almost anything.

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It's on a plate for new-car buyers

As we approach the latest '65 registration plate that arrives next week, the motor industry seems to be in strong health. Partly that's because of world economics, but the automotive makers would also like to think it has something to do with the sheer volume of new products reaching the showrooms just at present.

If you're going to be shopping for something with that new plate, here's a quick run-through on what's new.

News from the volume brands

Market leader Ford has been focusing on its MPV range of late, introducing a heavily revised C-MAX range and all-new versions of their large Galaxy and S-MAX people carriers. Volkswagen too is updating its MPV range, with an all-new Touran model and a revised version of its larger Sharan people carrier.

Rivals Vauxhall, meanwhile, having just launched its VIVA citycar, is now ramping up to its biggest launch of the year, that of the latest seventh-generation Astra family hatchback.

Could this finally be the model to challenge the Ford Focus at the top of the sales charts?

The prospects for it look quite good, with extra technology and much greater efficiency from an impressive range of engines.

Fiat is planning a resurgence in the British market. It has just launched the 500X small crossover and now there's a heavily revised version of the cute 500 citycar in the showrooms, a model which now offers even greater scope for personalisation. This car's toughest competitor will be the MINI Hatch.

If you need something bigger than that, then the BMW MINI brand will be hoping to tempt you with the latest second generation Clubman model, essentially a MINI estate. This time, it's based on a BMW and has five proper doors and a much stronger range of engines.

Skoda is just about to create big ripples in the Mondeo segment with the launch of its impressive-looking new third generation Superb model, offered in both saloon and estate guises. It goes up against cars like Toyota's much improved Avensis. The Japanese brand has also just heavily revised its Auris family hatch too.

SEAT's big news meanwhile, is a much improved version of its Ibiza supermini.



'Hyundai's new Tucson also wants a slice of this market sector'

News from the prestigious brands

Audi's range continues to expand. New in the showrooms for September is the all-new second generation version of their Q7 large seven-seat luxury SUV, which goes into battle directly against Volvo's recently-launched XC90.

Rivals BMW meanwhile, also has plenty to talk about. There's a heavily-revised version of its strong-selling 3 Series model, plus an all-new version of the entry-level SUV, the X1. Mercedes has plenty of new models too.

The brand has revised its A-Class premium compact hatch. And is just about to introduce its first car in the compact SUV sector – the GLC-Class. This goes up against models like BMW's X3 and the Range Rover Evoque. The Stuttgart brand will shortly be replacing its larger SUV, the M-Class, with a sleeker GLE-Class model, which will also spawn a GLE-Class Coupe derivative to go up against BMW's new second generation X6. Mercedes also has its all-new V-Class large MPV for families.

Jaguar meanwhile, is now really establishing itself as a credible alternative to the

German brands. It's just launched its BMW 3 Series-sized XE model. Now, it's introducing its 5 Series-sized second generation XF saloon. The F-Pace luxury crossover model will be following shortly after – and there's also an improved version of the XJ luxury saloon in the showrooms too.

Sporting models

If you're looking for an affordable little roadster, then you're in luck, for Mazda's new generation MX-5 is now just appearing in showrooms. It's lighter, smarter, better built and more efficient – but just as much fun. Old-school fun meanwhile, is promised by the Ford Mustang, over here in proper right-hand drive form for the very first time.

If you need something more practical, then you may well need a hot hatch. And one of the very best is the latest Honda Civic Type-R. If you can afford something even faster, then choose between the latest Audi RS3 and the revised and now even faster Mercedes-AMG A45 4MATIC. Or wait for the desirable Ford Focus RS. All three are astonishingly quick.

Overall, it's hard to remember when there was a wider choice of new models for a registration plate change. Research your chosen car carefully, make time for more than the odd test drive and enjoy the buying process.

Cars used as wardrobes and secret hidey holes

Almost half of drivers use their car as a travelling wardrobe, according to new research. Insurance company 1st Central compiled data that suggests 47 per cent of people keep clothes in their car at all times.

And 1.8 million drivers are apparently using their car to hide new – and presumably expensive – purchases from their partner.

An emotional 682,000 people even admit to keeping an item of clothing in the car that once belonged to an ex, because they can't bear to throw it out.

Men are twice as likely to hide a purchase as women, and they are also more likely to keep sports equipment in their car. 1st Central reports an estimated £1 billion worth of football boots are being kept on British driveways.

Among the odd findings is a rise in people using driving gloves, after celebrities like Rihanna and Lady Gaga were recently spotted wearing them.

Almost one in five people questioned (18 per cent) said they couldn't drive without them – including 20 per cent of 18- to 24-year-olds.

Other items in the so-called 'wardrobe' include feather boas, rubber gloves, gas masks and tutus.

Andy James, UK CEO at 1st Central, said: "With people struggling for space in their homes, it's no wonder the nation is turning their cars into a travelling wardrobe."

"If you add it up, some of the kit we keep in our cars not only builds up in weight, eating into our fuel consumption, but can equate to a hefty price tag too. Expensive football boots, sports kit and designer sunglasses aren't necessarily covered by your car insurance, so drivers do need to keep this in mind."

"Whilst insurers will cover motorists for damage to clothes left in their cars or, in the worst case scenario, items that are stolen, we'd advise that drivers keep their irreplaceable items in their homes."

One-off artwork marks first of new car show

Renowned motoring artist Tim Layzell has created a one-off piece to celebrate the first Classic and Sports Car London show, taking place this autumn.

The artwork features the iconic Alexandra Palace, the location for the show itself, and three legendary British cars that are amongst the contenders in the poll for the Best British Car Ever: the Jaguar E-Type, Bentley Speed Six and McLaren F1, all depicted in Layzell's distinctive style.

The show runs from October 30 to November 1, with the Best British Car Ever winner announced at the show.

"We are very proud to have Tim Layzell create this amazing piece of unique artwork," said Classic & Sports Car group editor, James Elliott.

"I've been a fan of his for some time now, having seen his incredible talent displayed at events like Pebble Beach, Monaco Grand Prix and the Goodwood Revival, to name just three."

"It's a real honour to be asked to produce a one-off piece for this amazing new event," said Layzell.

"With such an incredible line-up of icons on the shortlist for the Best British Car Ever, and such a stunning location as Alexandra Palace, this commission has been a motoring artist's dream."

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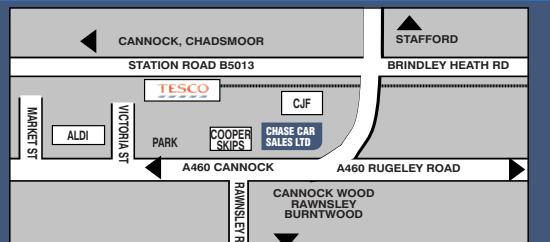
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Sadly passed away on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, aged 86 years.

Much loved and missed by all his Family and Friends. Now reunited with Margaret.

The Funeral Service is to be held at Stafford Crematorium on Tuesday, September 1, at 1.30pm.

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DAVIES

George Ellis
(Dai)

Former President of Rugeley Rugby Club.

Passed away peacefully at The University Hospital, Stoke on Trent, on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, aged 89 years.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Friday, August 28, at Stafford Crematorium, at 10am.

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John Charles

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John will be missed dearly by all of his Family and Friends.

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Joan

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Boss Smith is enjoying the luxury of choice

DEAN SMITH claims Walsall's strength in depth now affords him the luxury of resting in-form players such as Rico Henry and Romaine Sawyers.

The Saddlers boss has changed his starting line-up and tactics in all four games this season, with the team remaining unbeaten, winning their last three.

Last week at Rochdale, he opted to leave Henry and Sawyers on the bench despite both impressing in their 2-0 win at Southend.

Smith said the decision was taken to ensure both remain in top condition through the season's busy opening weeks.

"Rico is an 18-year-old kid and he has started all three of the previous games," said Smith.

"I have got to be careful and look after these players, especially young players like him."

"He looked really fresh when he came on, Romaine too."

"I thought he was excellent at Southend on Saturday and it is a tough decision to leave out players like that. But now I have the luxury of putting out a strong team and knowing I can bring players off the bench."

Smith says players have bought into the new systems and accept they may find themselves moved in and out of the starting line-up, regardless of form.

"Everyone wants to play," added the manager. "They want to play but they understand it is a long season. They will get opportunities and they have to be ready when opportunities come."

"We want to be successful and the way we are going to be successful is by being a team."

Afobe is off limits warns Jackett

WOLVES have issued an official hands-off warning regarding star striker Benik Afobe or any of their first-team forward players.

Speculation linked Premier League new-boys Norwich City with Afobe, who is contracted to Wolves until 2018.

The rumours led Wolves to release a statement saying their forwards would not be sold this season.

Kenny Jackett – who last week said any approach for Afobe would not be welcomed – is building a team around the former Arsenal man in the wake of Bakary Sako's departure.

Afobe moved to Molineux just seven months ago for £2m and while every player has his price it would

take a figure similar to Wolves' record transfer sale – £14m from Sunderland for Steven Fletcher – for them to consider selling, particularly at this stage of the season.

The club statement said: "In response to some media speculation this morning, Benik Afobe was bought from Arsenal in January 2015 and other players arrived in the summer, to strengthen the team for the strongest possible challenge on promotion this season."

"Therefore, neither Benik nor any of Wolves' first-team forward players will be sold this season. Benik has developed into a player of key importance to Wolves and the club's plans for this campaign."

"Wolves have previously resisted the opportunity to sell other key first-team players in this and other recent transfer windows. As far as the club is concerned, there is no need for any further comments or speculation about this issue."

Notwithstanding Afobe's importance to the first team, Wolves are not blessed with strikers at the club.

They have just Nouha Dicko as an out-and-out first-team front man permanently on the books, with Adam le Fondre on loan from Cardiff. But Wolves are also in a strong enough financial position to be able to rebuff Norwich's advances.

Defensive weakness is a worry for Kenny

KENNY JACKETT bemoaned Wolves' defensive failings as they threw away a two-goal lead to lose 3-2 at home to QPR.

Wolves' first defeat of the season was partly self-inflicted, with their defenders unable to cope with the threat of Albion target Matt Phillips, who scored two and created the other.

Emiliano Martinez didn't convince in goal and Jackett, who felt his side played some excellent football in the first half, admitted Wolves needed to be better at the back.

"We have to be better out of possession, we have to close more, and not give away as many chances," he said. "Right the way through the game we'll be looking to be better as a unit defensively."

"QPR had 10 shots on target, which does generally constitute a win."

"It's a results-based business and we've lost, which is a frustration, but from our point of view we got ourselves into a very good position and then ultimately let it slip."

Arsenal loanee Martinez kept his place after surprisingly usurping Carl Ikeme for the draw with Hull at the weekend.

He let Phillips' goals creep past him and Jackett said: "I'm sure he'll look at them again and be disappointed, the second two are longer shots, one's crept in and maybe unsighted him."

"These things happen and it's ultimately frustrating."

Jackett confirmed striker Nouha Dicko wasn't injured when he replaced him with on-loan Cardiff front-man Adam le Fondre at half time."

Villa need extra time to beat Notts

Villa 5 Notts County 3
SCOTT Sinclair's hat-trick ensured Villa scraped into the third round of the Capital One Cup, needing extra-time to defeat Notts County at Villa Park, but setting up a mouth-watering derby with Blues.

A repeat of last season's exit at the hands of Leyton Orient looked a real possibility as the League Two side led on three occasions through superb long-range goals from Gennaro Snjiders and Graham Burke either side of Jon Stead's penalty.

But Villa had a reply on each occasion as Adama Traore and Sinclair scored the equalisers, with Sinclair's second also coming via a spot-kick in what looked like a harsh award of a penalty to make it 3-3 after 90 minutes and force extra-time.

The Premier League side's fitness told in extra-time and they led for the first time nine minutes into the first period when Sinclair completed his treble.

Substitute Joe Bennett ensured Villa would survive an almighty scare.

Looping

Snjiders had put Notts County in front after 16 minutes with a looping shot from 25 yards that deceived debutant goalkeeper Mark Bunn.

It was gormer County loanee Jack Grealish who teed-up Traore who marked his home debut, with a coolly-taken finish.

McLeod raced behind the Villa defence and on to Elliott Hewitt's long ball and was brought down by Bunn, who only received a yellow card. Stead stepped up and placed the penalty into the roof of the net.

However, five minutes into the second half Villa were level. Grealish again was the visitors' tormentor, setting up a simple tap-in for Sinclair.

But in the 56th minute Villa Park was stunned when Burke shot a stunning left-foot curler from 30 yards.

Then, with 12 minutes remaining, Sinclair grabbed a penalty.

The 26-year-old completed his treble after 99 minutes.

Bennett then put one in the bottom of the net.

Scholars go down to single goal



Richard Davies in control of the ball during the first meeting between Daventry and Chasetown

Daventry 1 Chasetown 0
THE first-ever meeting between these sides saw Chasetown beaten.

The best chance in the first quarter of the game fell to debutant Stan Mugisha who sprinted into the home area but the ball bobbed and the chance was gone.

Chasetown centre-back Jason Lee headed wide from a corner at the start of the second period as Town

tried to assert some authority on the game.

The deadlock was broken when Chase skipper Chris Slater conceded a spot-kick and Nabil Sharrif converted.

Chasetown 1 Sheffield FC 3
Chasetown's unbeaten start in Evo-Stik Division One South was ended in a 3-1 home defeat by Sheffield FC.

The visitors took the lead after

15 minutes when Conor Glavin slotted in a rebound.

Sheffield doubled their lead midway through the half when Shaq McKenzie fired home.

Five minutes before the interval Sheffield's Benny Igiehon's spot-kick was saved by Bateman but he scored with the rebound.

The Scholars reduced the deficit when Sullivan fired into the net.

Ward's treble lets Lockmen grab the win

Dudley Sports 4 Willenhall Town 5
WILLENHALL CAME from behind to grab an injury-time winner for the second consecutive week in their West Midlands Premier success at Dudley Sports.

Only 35 seconds into the match Shepherd Machingauta put the home side in front but within minutes goals by Dan Bryson and Ryan Ward put the Lockmen ahead. Sports were back on level terms on 15 minutes through Josh Taylor.

Two long balls forward then caught out the Lockmen. First on 22 minutes Curtis Cochring scored and two minutes later Stuart Hilman did likewise.

In the second half Ward headed one in. Then an unfortunate Tom Watkins headed an own goal. Ward then hit his hat-trick.

Saido dropped 'for his own protection'

TONY PULIS claims he ditched Saido Berahino from Albion's defeat to Chelsea to protect him from the effects of speculation as the Baggies await a fresh bid from Tottenham.

Pulis repeated his criticism of transfer window rules after he left Berahino out of his 18-man matchday squad for the 3-2 loss to the champions in the wake of Spurs' £15m offer.

"The transfer window is absolutely ridiculous," said Pulis, with Spurs expected to up their bid this week.

"For it to be going through into the start of the season, I find just ridiculous."

"Everybody should be talking about the game and this wouldn't be an issue. Saido's a great lad but this can be disruptive and it has been disruptive."

Bennett then put one in the bottom of the net.

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No way! Jose has to face the Saddlers in cup clash

WALSALL will take on Jose Mourinho's Chelsea superstars in the third round of the Capital One Cup after producing an outstanding performance to knock out Championship side Brighton.

Goals from Milan Lalkovic and Rico Henry saw the Saddlers win their fifth game in a row and secure their second giant-killing of the season after knocking out Nottingham Forest in the previous round.

The 2-1 win meant boss Dean Smith has taken Walsall into the third round of the competition for the first time under his leadership. And the reward was a home tie with Chelsea after the draw was made last night.

Goalkeeper Neil Etheridge said: "We will be going into the game to win not just pick up a shirt."

"It's a dream draw especially for me growing up in London. It's a team I've always supported."

Smith admitted he was delighted with the comeback win after the Saddlers initially fell behind to a dubious Jake Forster-Caskey penalty.

"It was a great result," Smith said. "They went ahead through a very dubious penalty. But I think the result showed the resilience of the players. I thought we showed some real quality."

The boss admitted his squad is now full of confidence after making it five wins in succession.

"The lads have got a lot of confidence. I have a really strong squad of players at the moment with no injuries."

"I can pick a team I know is going to be competitive. It's been a great start."

Injury could end Boukari's Wolves career

LUCKLESS winger Razak Boukari's Wolves career is almost certainly over after he was ruled out for a year with a serious knee injury.

The 28-year-old - who is out of contract at Molineux next summer - ruptured his patella tendon when jumping for a header during an under-21 fixture against Fulham on Friday.

And the Togo winger has surely now been seen for the final time in a Wolves shirt, with his latest injury setback leaving him 'as low as he's ever been'.

Boukari had been injury-free since March after getting over a series of hamstring problems. Head of medical Phil Hayward said staff were gutted for the likeable winger.

"He's ruptured his patella tendon on his left side."

Skies are blue for Walsall squad

Walsall 2 Coventry 1

IT has taken some time, but Walsall finally look a team who have found their finish.

The margin of Walsall's victory might have only been one goal, but in truth it could and should have been more.

There was little the hosts could do about the one they did concede, a 25-yard thunderbolt from Jacob Murphy which brought the visitors back into the game after goals either side of half-time from Anthony Forde and Tom Bradshaw had put the Saddlers two to the good.

Last season, the brilliance and timing of Murphy's strike might have triggered a collapse - but this Wal-

sall team are made of stronger stuff. For the second time in the space of four days they responded to adversity, as they had at Rochdale at Tuesday, to finish what was, again a thrilling game in the ascendency.

How Smith must hope this form and verve can continue. Playing like this, his team look genuine title contenders, let alone play-off challengers. The manager would also be forgiven for buying a few extra lottery tickets, such has been the success rate of his decision-making thus far.

For the fourth game running he made two changes to the starting line-up with one of those drafted in, Forde, proceeding to break the deadlock.

All over the pitch there were performances to de-

light the Saddlers boss. The sponsors gave their man of the match prize to Milan Lalkovic, a fair choice after a busy performance full of skill which saw him have a hand in both goals.

Yet there were numerous other candidates, from Sam Mantom to the excellent Jason Demetriou and Andy Taylor, the latter of whom was a whisker away from a second goal in four days with a long-range effort.

Just four league games in, there are, of course, reasons for caution. The next week could be defining if the Saddlers are able to cling on to Bradshaw, whose fifth of the season, three minutes after half-time, proved to be the difference..

Much needed boost for Jackett's men

Wolves 2 Barnet 1

IT might only have been August 25 – and the opposition were from League Two – but Wolves needed this.

A confidence-boosting win went a little way to erasing memories of the defeat at Cardiff on Saturday.

And just as importantly, several young starlets staked claims for first-team berths on a night where there were far more positives than negatives.

It was by no means a perfect performance - Wolves again faded late on and carelessly allowed Barnet back into the game.

But the majority of the game was relentless one-way traffic with vibrant young Wolves playing some imaginative, fast-paced football and creating a host of goalscoring chances.

They should have been out of sight long before Bira Dembele exposed their weakness at defending set pieces by pulling a goal back.

As it was they had two goals to show for their attacking efforts, which was the least they deserved.

One came from teenager Bright Enobakhare who found the net just three minutes into his senior debut.

Combined

And the very lively Sheyi Ojo took the combined age of Wolves' goalscorers to 35 with a well-placed second after half time.

Jackett handed debuts to teenagers Enobakhare and Sylvain Deslandes, as well as summer signing Jed Wallace, while loan striker Adam le Fondre was given his first start in Wolves colours.

Only captain for the night Ethan Ebanks-Landell, Kortney Hause and Ojo kept their places as Jackett fielded a side with an average age of just 21.

Wolves were dominating possession with Barnet's only danger coming from long throws by Sam Muggleton.

The impressive Price dinked a delicious ball over the visitors' defence, met by the rampaging Matt Doherty who clipped a half volley onto the top of the net.

Wolves were disrupted by injuries and their concentration slipped when they let Barnet back in the game and Dembele fired home.

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Bluebirds punish dreadful Wolves



Wolves Rajiv van La Parra is stopped in his tracks by Cardiff's Fabio

Cardiff City 2 Wolves 0

IN A word Wolves were dreadful.

In defeat to QPR three days earlier they were outdone by some Premier League-standard quality, but still produced some excellent football in a thrilling encounter.

But in damp, dark Wales their drab performance matched the gloomy skies.

And this time they couldn't say they were beaten by quality oppo-

sition. Cardiff were ordinary and Wolves their submissive, dutiful guests.

Kenny Jackett's bold team selection gave no clues as to what was to follow.

Nervy and stand-offish at the back, curiously subdued and sorely lacking creativity in midfield and, to use Jackett's word, impotent up front - this was meek and passionless Wolves at their 2012/13 levels.

Quite where this came from, only Jackett can truly say. Wolves were brilliant for most of the first half against QPR - and one goal from being top of the league - but around 140 minutes of lifeless football later they are six points off the top and with a minus goal gap.

That in itself shows that there is absolutely no need to panic yet but Wolves need a change in attitude.

Albion side nearly pay penalty for being awful

Albion 0 Port Vale 0 (Albion win 5-3 pens)

AWFUL Albion survived a major scare as they defeated Port Vale 5-3 on penalties to reach round three of the Capital One Cup.

The Baggies produced a tepid display and failed to find the net in 120 minutes against the League One side.

But they scored all five penalties in the shoot-out with Richard Duffy's miss proving fatal for the Potties side.

The Baggies will be jaded ahead of Saturday's trip to Stoke, however, and they lost Chris Brunt to injury early on as James Chester slotted the winning kick.

After a low-key start to the game, Albion suffered an early blow when Chris Brunt went down injured in the 12th minute.

The Baggies had a glimmer of a chance when Serge Gnabry, making his full debut, nipped onto a Brown Ideye pass but was flagged offside.

Albion had enjoyed most of the possession without creating a great deal, but they threatened three minutes before the interval through Gnabry.

And at the end of the first period of extra-time, Claudio Yacob sent a horrible shot high and wide to sum up his team's efforts.

Early in the second period the Baggies had missed glorious chances to break the deadlock. The first two fell to Rondon, who fired wide from a Lambert pass before heading against the crossbar from four yards out with the goal gaping.

Then Alnwick made a smart save to deny James McClean.

Darlaston side keep good start going

Darlaston 4 Wem Town 1

DARLASTON maintained their good start to the West Midlands Division One campaign with a convincing win over Wem Town.

Player manager Mark Swann made six first team changes with recent new signings Darlaston old boy Bekir Halil, Matt Martin (Tipton Town) and Kieron Payne all making their debut for the 1874 club.

Sam Giles opened the scoring for the hosts on 10 minutes when a Halil cross was headed past keeper Ryan Ford. Swann doubled the lead on the stroke of half-time with a close-range header.

Four minutes into the second half Kurtis Perry fired home, but sloppy defending let Adam Jones reduce the arrears.

Halil made the game safe on 78 minutes.

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Khalsa stop Star squad from shining

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GOALS from Mike Perks, Craig Bannister and Dave Meese helped Khalsa to a comfortable win over Walsall neighbours Continental Star.

The result was rarely in doubt from the seventh minute when Perks headed home a Craig Bannister free kick to give the home side the lead.

Continental Star keeper Ryan Cheshire produced a nifty save to deny Perks from a very similar position, not the last time he would frustrate Khalsa.

At the other end, James Pemberton in the Khalsa goal denied the lively Davion Hamilton with a sharp save down to his left after the striker – who had to leave the action before half time through injury – had left Jordan Upall in his wake.

Tes Robinson almost made it 2-0 from a Bannister corner on 25 minutes before the half settled into a scrappy affair with little in the way of notable action.

The second half was a different story with Khalsa coming out of the blocks quickly with Ricardo Reid forcing a fine save from Cheshire with a volley from range and Marvin Nisbett being denied from the rebound by an excellent robust challenge by Darren Green.

Khalsa did extend their lead seconds later, however, a low save by Bannister from range flying in off the post.

The game was wrapped up four minutes later when Carlo Franco set up Dave Meese to grab his third goal since joining the club.

Reid – a former Continental Star player – then hit the post with a jaw dropping turn and shot from the edge of the area.

With the seconds ticking down, Pemberton ensured Khalsa kept a clean sheet.

Pickering makes the difference in victory for Hayes

Heath Hayes 1 Stafford Town 0
IN a dower game at the Coppice ground, Heath Hayes ground out a result against Stafford Town with a goal from Joe Pickering after good work by Liam Degville.

With neither keeper being seriously troubled the result stayed at 1-0 despite Stafford having the lions share of the second half.

Littleton 4 Heath Hayes 2

Heath Hayes travelled to Evesham to play unbeaten Littleton FC.

After an even first 15 minutes a mix-up between Liam Degville and Steven Yates let in Doug Wallace to put Littleton one up.

On 35 minutes Littleton through Will Gayton.

But two goals before half time from Dan Scragg and Joe Pickering brought the scores level.

With both teams looking for the goal to settle the game Doug Wallace volleyed an unstopable shot into the top corner to give Littleton the lead.

Hayes continued to look for the equaliser and were caught on the break in injury time.

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Team needs a few home truths, Edwards

DAVID EDWARDS has called for a 'big reaction' from Wolves as they bid to recover from successive defeats.

Kenny Jackett's team didn't even muster a shot on target as they were comfortably beaten 2-0 by Cardiff City on Saturday.

They produced one of their worst performances in Jackett's reign – and Edwards admitted words would need to be had in the squad. "It was a performance that none of us are proud of," the 29-year-old said. "For whatever reason we didn't get going."

"We have a lot of desire in that dressing room

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but for whatever reason it didn't come out.

"Things will need to be said and we'll need a big reaction now."

"We will take criticism from all angles and it's how we deal with that."

"It wasn't the usual Wolves performance. The lads are bitterly disappointed and we need to work out why that reaction wasn't there."

"For some reason it's not quite clicking for us at the moment."

Wolves host Charlton Athletic in an important

league game on Saturday, ahead of a two-week international break.

Edwards, the oldest member of a young squad, said his team-mates needed to be 'brave'.

To do well in the Championship is all about consistency," he added.

"We've had a mixed bag of results but overall I thought the performances (before Cardiff) were good."

"We know a lot of the game is played inside your head and confidence does play a vital part."

"We've got to be brave enough to pick ourselves up, win tackles, get on the ball and make things happen."

Jackett looks to find right chemistry

BOSS Kenny Jackett admits he hadn't yet found the right formula after defeat at Cardiff City.

Goals from Kenwyne Jones and Sammy Ameobi handed the Welsh side a 2-0 win, with Wolves failing to register a shot on target.

For all their possession Wolves lacked a cutting edge and Jackett, who recalled Carl Ikeme in goal only for the keeper to be at fault for the Bluebirds' opening goal, said his team must improve.

"For a high amount of possession we look very impotent going forward and that's not necessarily like us," a disappointed Jackett said.

"We've got some good players but I don't think we've necessarily got the right mix yet."

"We need the right reaction to adversity, the right attitude, the right spirit, the right selection of pass at the right time, addressing those issues to stop what is ultimately a disappointing season. We didn't have a shot on target, which does tell its own story."

Ikeme's recall was one of four changes from the team that lost 3-2 to Queens Park Rangers on Wednesday, as Jackett freshened up a team that was playing its third game in a week.

He said of his changes: "For Carl to come back in was a big chance for him. For Emi (Martinez) and for Carl they're fighting for that No.1 jersey and that's good competition."

"Going forward we played Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday and certainly the two wide men, Van La Parra and Ojo, I felt would give us fresh energy coming in."

"I don't think we've got (the mix) right yet, we've won one game which tells its own story. We do need to be better."

Jarryd misses out on semi-final spot

BROWNHILLS athlete Jarryd Dunn has missed out on a place in the 400m semi-finals at the World Athletics Championships in Beijing.

The 23-year-old clocked 45.49sec in the heats in China – not enough to win a place in the semi-finals.

British team captain Martin Rooney, who was not initially selected for the 400m despite being the reigning European champion and made the team for Beijing on appeal, set a new personal best of 44.45sec to reach the semi-finals as a fastest loser after he finished fourth in his heat.

Rooney will be joined in the semi-finals by his compatriot Rabah Yousif who ran 45.24 to win his heat.

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Ahmed Obeng takes on the Ferriby defence and takes a tumble

his low effort saved but the goal had spurred Ferriby into action and substitute Danny Emerton had a chance to equalise just before the 70 minute mark as he lobbed Parton but the ball landed on top of the net.

While within two minutes another effort from Emerton saw him clear the goal once again when well placed inside the box.

Back came Rob Smith's side and after Obeng did something similar.

They would be made to pay for these misses though as in the 84th minute the home side equalised as Tom Denton looped a header into the

far corner of the net after being left unmarked.

The home side were now pressing at the Hednesford back line at every chance, but to their credit they remained firm throughout the five minutes of stoppage time to earn a point.

North Ferriby United: Nicklin, Middleton, Wilde, King, Palmer, Gray, Clarke (Emerton 61), Fry, Denton, Kendall, Bateson (Davie 76). **Subs not used:** Armstrong, Topliss, Nicholson.

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